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MORE HEATWAVE DAYS THAN USUAL THIS APRIL-JUNE, CAUTIONS IMD

Above-normal heatwave days are likely over east, central, northwest and the southeast between April and June, the IMD said Tuesday

PREDICTS ABOVE-NORMAL RAINFALL IN APRIL

The IMD said normal to above-normal rainfall is likely over most parts of the country except Northeast India in April. Currently, neutral El Nino-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) conditions are prevailing over equatorial Pacific. ENSO-neutral conditions are most likely to continue between April and June. Thereafter, El Nino conditions could develop gradually, it said

MARCH RAIN DUE TO WESTERN DISTURBANCES

- Reviewing weather conditions that prevailed during March, the IMD said that rainfall over India during the month was the 10th highest since 2001. Rain in March was due to western disturbances
- IMD said the long period average of rainfall over India during April based on data from 1971 to 2020 is about 39.2 mm

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PEOPLE DIED IN MARCH FROM LIGHTNING ACCIDENTS, IMD SAID

CHENNAI ▪ MADURAI ▪ VIJAYAWADA ▪ BENGALURU ▪ KOCHI ▪ HYDERABAD ▪ VISAKHAPATNAM ▪ COIMBATORE ▪ KOZHIKODE ▪ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM ▪ BELAGAVI ▪ BHUBANESWAR ▪ SHIVAMOGGA ▪ MANGALURU ▪ TIRUPATI ▪ TIRUCHY ▪ TIRUNELVELI ▪ SAMBALPUR ▪ HUBBALLI ▪ DHARMAPURI ▪ KOTTAYAM ▪ KANNUR ▪ VILLUPURAM ▪ KOLLAM ▪ TADEPALLIGUDEM ▪ NAGAPATTINAM ▪ THRISSUR ▪ KALABURAGI

Losing job to AI, man hangs self, partner jumps to death in B'luru

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A 31-year woman software engineer died by suicide by jumping from an upscale apartment complex on Thanisandra Main Road in Kothanur police limits on Monday morning, moments after seeing her live-in partner hanging dead in their flat.

The man, R Bhanu Chander Reddy Kunta, 32, was working in the US in the software industry and is suspected to have lost his job to Artificial Intelligence (AI). He had returned to India in June last year. He and his live-in partner, M Bibi Shaziya, 31, were living in Nikoo Homes Bhartiya City since August.

Both were from Telangana – Kunta from Siddipet district and Shaziya from Medchal.

Kunta, who was severely depressed over not finding a job, is suspected to have hanged himself on Sunday. Shaziya, who had gone to see her mother, returned on Monday. When he did not open the door, she got it opened with the help of security guards and saw Kunta hanging from the ceiling. Immediately after, she went to the 11th floor and jumped to her death, the police said.

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Go get your own oil: Trump

Won't help you, a livid Trump tells allies who are not supporting the US in its war with Iran

DAY 32 | WAR WATCH

AGENCIES @ Dubai

EGGED by a massive wave of disapproval for US-Israel's unilateral decision to invade Iran, President Donald Trump on Tuesday expressed frustration with allies who have been unwilling to do more to support the US war effort, telling them to "go get your own oil" as the conflict with Iran and its closure of the Strait of Hormuz roiled global markets.

The president's social media tirade came after US strikes hit a city home to one of Iran's main nuclear sites, sending a massive fireball into the sky. Iran rubbished this claim and soon attacked a fully loaded Kuwaiti oil tanker in the Persian Gulf.

Trump, who has vacillated between insisting there is progress in diplomatic talks with Iran and threatening to expand the war, directed blame at US allies like the UK and France that have refused to enter a war with no clear endgame that they were not consulted on.

"You'll have to start learning how to fight for yourself, the USA. won't be there to help you anymore, just like you weren't there for us. Iran has been, essentially, decimated. The hard part is done. Go get your own oil!" Trump wrote.

He singled out France for not letting planes fly over French territory, saying Paris has been "VERY UNHELPFUL," and that "The USA is going to REMEMBER THIS forever!!!"

A screengrab from a video shared by US President Donald Trump which shows a US military strike in Isfahan, Iran, on Tuesday | X

US IT firms on Iran's radar

Iran said Tuesday it would target leading US technology firms like Apple, Google and Meta in the Gulf if more Iranian leaders were killed. It listed the names of 18 firms and asked their staff to leave the region

Airfares hit roof on all routes

Airfares across key metro routes and popular tourist destinations are registering a sharp spike in the backdrop of West Asia conflict. On metro routes, airfares have risen by 15–20%, and over 35-40% for last minute bookings | P13

Iran approves Hormuz toll

Iran's Parliament approved the Strait of Hormuz Management Plan, which includes measures to impose a rial-based toll system on the waterway, security arrangements, ship safety and financial arrangements

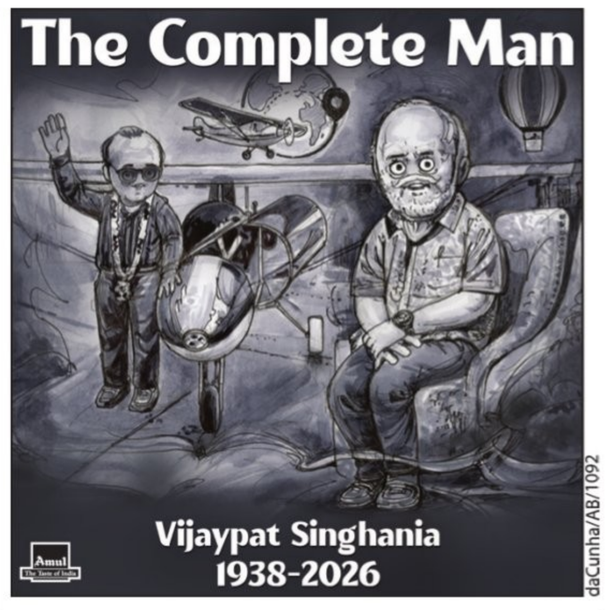
First oil cargo from Iran headed to Guj

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

INDIA is set to receive the first Iranian cargo since 2019 as the vessel Ping Shun carrying 600,000 barrels of Iranian crude is headed towards a port in Gujarat. According to commodity market analytics firm Kpler, the vessel is expected to reach Vadinar on April 4.

"As per @Kpler tracking, the vessel Ping Shun carrying ~600 kb of Iranian crude is currently signalled for discharge at India. Given the past pattern of frequent destination changes, the final discharge location remains uncertain," Sumit Ritolia, lead research analyst, refining & modeling at Kpler, posted on X.

Iran was once a major oil supplier to India, but imports from Tehran were halted after US sanctions were imposed. At present, nearly 90% of Iranian oil exports are directed towards China. So far, six cargoes have reached India from the Strait of Hormuz.



EXPRESS READ

Man, 4 minors held for phone theft at IPL tie

Bengaluru: The Cubbon Park police arrested a 26-year-old man from Jharkhand and his four juvenile accomplices for stealing several mobile phones during the IPL match between Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) and Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) at the Chinnaswamy Stadium on March 28. The police recovered 21 mobile phones estimated to cost around Rs 18 lakh from them | P3

Vets worried as tusker Gajendra relocated

Bengaluru: The relocation of Karnataka's popular 73-year-old tusker Gajendra from Budipadaga to Mathigodu sparked serious concerns among veterinarians, who pointed out that the jumbo cannot be handled if a fight breaks out at the new location. Gajendra was shifted on Forest, Environment and Ecology Minister Eshwar B Khandre's orders as he was alone at Budipadaga in BRT Tiger Reserve. | P7

IndiGo taps IATA chief Walsh as CEO

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

INTERGLOBE Aviation, the parent company of India's largest airline IndiGo, on Tuesday appointed seasoned William Walsh as CEO.

Walsh, popularly known as Willie, is currently the director-general of International Air Transport Association (IATA) and was formerly CEO of British Airways and International Airlines Group.

His tenure at IATA ends on July 31, 2026, and he is expected to join IndiGo by August 3. IndiGo's appointment of a new CEO comes weeks after the sudden departure of Pieter Elbers. The airline's promoter and MD Rahul Bhatia has taken interim charge of the company. The changes in top-level management came three months after operational disruptions at the airline that crippled India's aviation sector. "The aviation landscape is evolving rapidly, and IndiGo is well-positioned to be at the forefront of this change," Walsh said.

Scene at the Maa Sheetla Mandir after the stampede on Tuesday morning | PTI

At least 9 dead in Bihar temple stampede

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

AT least nine devotees, eight of them women, were killed and 10 others injured in a stampede at a temple in Bihar's Nalanda district on Tuesday. The incident took place around 8.30 am when a large number of devotees gathered at the Maa Sheetla Mandir located at Maghra village to offer morning prayers. Nalanda district magistrate Kundan Kumar said eight women died on the spot, while a man succumbed to his injuries later. The condition of four persons is critical.

"When devotees were entering the temple, several women collapsed due to dehydration and suffocation," he said. The district administration has suspended four policemen, including the SHO of Deepnagar police station, under whose jurisdiction the temple comes.

Sources said 2,500 police personnel were deployed for security of President Draupadi Murmu, who was attending an event at Nalanda University.

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• Ritu: Vasantha • Masa: Chaitra • Paksha: Sukla • Tithi: Chaturdasi 7.07 am
• Nakshatra: Uttharaphalguni 4.20 pm • Moon in Tula Rashi • Rahukaala: 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm
• Gulikakala: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm • Yamaganda: 07:30 am to 09:00 am

WEATHER
MIN 20°C | MAX 34°C
FORECAST
Morning clouds

Sunrise 06.16 am
Sunset 06.31 pm
Moonrise 05.59 pm
Moonset 05.32 am

GBA struggling to handle increasing snake rescue calls

Demand to rise further in May-June, but civic body has only a 7-member team for ops

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WILDLIFE rescuers and wardens in the city say that they have been receiving over 150 requests seeking help to catch snakes every day.

The 7-member rescue team is not able to meet all the demands. Rescue calls are likely to increase in May and June as hatching is expected. "We urge the GBA to double the number of rescuers," said a warden.

A wildlife warden said that two rescuers have been deployed for the West City Corporation (112 wards) and the South City Corporation (72 wards), and one each is allotted for the rest of the City Corporations. "With a honorarium of Rs 18,000 paid once in three or five months after repeated follow-ups, we struggle to reach the spot and save both the reptile as well as human life. The corporations should appoint more rescuers," said the warden and added, the task is draining them mentally as well.

With no transportation and equipment from civic body side, the rescuers are forced to travel on a bike and risk carrying snake tongs or sticks (5-ft long), a metal hook used to lift or move snakes, particularly effective for smaller, flighty, or nervous snakes without causing trauma, snake bags, pinning tool, personal protective and supporting gear like gaiters (protective gear worn around the lower leg (ankle to knee) to defend against bites), snake gloves, PVC pile to trap and relocate on their own.

"In Bengaluru City, Cobra, Russell's Viper, Spectacled Cobra, and Chequered Keelback are commonly found.

Due to summer, the snakes come out of their habitat and enter gardens and parks to keep themselves cool. The reptiles are very unpredictable, and trying to handle the snakes on their own, residents may encounter bites or end up killing the snake due to fear. Hence, we have to rush to spot on time to save lives. If the officials give a van, it will be useful," said a rescuer.

The rescuers say, not all the calls are addressed by the civic body, as residents cannot wait for long and reach locals and others. With May, June, and July being the hatching season and also due to heavy rains, the rescue calls may reach 200 per day.

Violation of bylaws: Civic officials accused of inaction

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MEMBERS of the Prestige Whistling Palms Owners and Residents' Association have alleged that officials of Bengaluru East City Corporation (BECC) have been sending notices accusing them of violating building bylaws after they complained about a commercial building being built in their layout.

Despite a court order to issue notices to the owner of the commercial building under Section 248 (1),(2), and (3) of the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) Act for violation of bylaws, the corporation has not taken any action. Now, a few more such buildings are being built in the layout, the members said.

Meanwhile, the building owner, Manohar Rao, said that he is being unnecessarily targeted by a few residents as he refused to pay certain fees of the association.

The members staged a protest recently appealing to the corporation officials not to allow such commercial buildings in residential areas.

"This locality has no BWSSB water and drainage connections and all residents have soak pits. If such commercial buildings are allowed, the locality will face the issue of sewage disposal," a resident said.

The association members claimed that in August last, corporation officials visited the locality and filed a report. The officials stated that the owner of the building in question has violated the bylaws. However, they failed to act against the owner.

Instead of acting against the owner under the GBA Act, the officials sought details regarding the buildings of association members and stated that they would conduct an inspection on April 8. This action is to silence the association members, a senior citizen of the locality said.

Manohar Rao said that he got the corporation's order quashed by the high court. The initial order was to proceed with notices under Section 248, which is a provisional order. "I got the order quashed by the court," he said, adding that the deviation is only around 15%.

The building is on ECC Road, which is 40 ft. The road is part of the comprehensive development project (CDP) and such construction is allowed, he said.

BECC assistant executive engineer Gururaj did not respond.

DISPLAY OF DEVOTION

Members of the Jain community take out a rally as part of Mahavir Jayanti in Bengaluru on Tuesday. This year's event marks the 2,624th birth anniversary of Lord Mahavir | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Kaniminike project: Land acquisition for road soon

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THE Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) is all set to issue the final notification for land acquisition on April 30 to build an approach road to its Kaniminike apartment complex project.

The BDA Kaniminike Residents' Forum announced this in a press release issued here on Tuesday. BDA decided to issue the notification because of the sustained requests from residents for a direct road to the project.

According to the forum, the project is spread over 50 acres of land at Kaniminike in South Bengaluru, comprising around 1,500 apartment units.

The project faces connectivity challenges and residents are forced to depend on two circuitous routes.

The residents have to take a turn near Gurukula School and navigate a narrow, one-way service road through Kaniminike, followed by a narrow railway underpass. The other is a 4.5 km detour via Hejjala–Judicial Layout, which is time-consuming and impractical for daily commuting.

In November last year, the residents met BDA chairperson and MLA NA Haris and BDA Commissioner Manivannan P and sought a road to the project. "We appreciate BDA's decision. A direct approach road will help those living in the apartment complex. We are hopeful of seeing tangible progress this time," said a member of the forum.

CITY VARSITIES IN RACE TO FILL UP UG SEATS

RASHMI PATIL @ Bengaluru

WITH a view to boost the admissions for Undergraduate programmes across various disciplines for the academic year 2026–27, Dr Manmohan Singh Bengaluru City University and the Bangalore University are vying to attract more students to their own campuses, as well as colleges affiliated to them.

The Bangalore University has issued two circulars to all affiliated colleges, instructing them to promote admissions via print, television and social media platforms. Dr Manmohan Singh University has also conducted two rounds of meetings with principals and lecturers of all PU colleges to send their students to the university and its affiliated colleges.

The Bengaluru City University has also decided to start admissions on the next day of the second PU results. Vice Chancellor Prof Ramesh B said, "Every year, our admission process would start late, in May. This year, we will begin it on April 8, the next day of the release of the second PU exam -1 results. Besides, we have conducted meetings with the principals of hundreds of PU colleges to make them aware of the courses available here. We have also told them that their students can enroll for UG programmes in our university through the UUCMS website. Around 240 degree colleges are affiliated to our university with more than 35,000 students."

Prof Ramesh said the varsity is introducing a few short-term diploma and certificate courses this year, including in Artificial Intelligence and Computer Science. "This is being done to keep students' knowledge in sync with the job requirements in future. We also face stiff competition from private universities and deemed universities. They have already closed admissions for UG courses. We need to sustain in the competition. The fee is low in our universities which is Rs 15,000 per year and for girls, the fee gets reimbursed along with a scholarship amount as well." Ramesh said streams such as social sciences, humanities and science, including BSc, have lost their charm among students because of poor job prospects. Commerce and management courses are high in demand and the seats get filled quickly.

The Bangalore University has a strong academic network comprising around 270 affiliated colleges, offering nearly 70,000 seats for various UG programmes. A total of 220 UG courses, including multiple subject combinations, are available to cater to diverse academic interests. There is significant demand for science and technology-oriented programmes, particularly for forensic science, zoology, microbiology, commerce and BCA (including Full Stack Development and AI-related courses), varsity officials said.

Action sought against PES varsity prof

Bengaluru: Taking serious note of the recent incident at PES University where a professor called a student from a minority community a "terrorist" , around 397 people from various associations, including Bahutva Karnataka, a group of civil rights activists, have sent an open letter to PES University chancellor Jawahar Doreswamy seeking strict action against the professor. "How do you create an ethically strong workforce from among your students when faculty members such as Dr Muralidhar Deshpande, who has been accused of calling the student a 'terrorist', seem to lack not just ethics, but also humanity?" Expressing concern over the incident, they said Affan, the student who was attacked by the professor, was suspended. News reports indicate that the CCTV footage of the incident has been deleted. There is no public apology over the incident from the university. Being a top ranked educational institution in the state, the university should create a peaceful and harmonious environment where all students and faculty members are treated with dignity.

Billapura-Kallahalli road fixed, commuters relieved

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FOR about four years, the only major road connecting Billapura, a town beside Bengaluru, and Kallahalli, remained in a state of disrepair and disregard. Stretching around 1.5 km, it was a nightmare for two-wheelers, and commuting was a risk. Much to the relief of the locals, Tuesday marked the inauguration of the renovated stretch.

The project that took 37 days to complete, was requested by the Billapura grama panchayat, and Exide Industries Limited obliged as part of the latter's corporate social responsibility. The 1.5 km-long stretch road was renovated with a thickness of 300 mm, which is expected to improve connectivity and safety for more than 1,000 villagers who use the route everyday. Besides improving connectivity to schools and healthcare centres, local businesses are expected now to be able to transport goods with greater ease.

Suresh Babu, the president of Billapura grama panchayat said, "The road from Billapura to Kallahalli was so damaged that even bicycles and two-wheelers could not pass through. But today, with Exide's help, a tar road is constructed. We are truly grateful for their support."

Chief operations manager at Exide Industries Limited Krishna Kant Singh said, "Infrastructure development plays a critical role in improving quality of life, and this project is a step towards safer, more connected rural communities."

North City Corpn begins desilting of stormwater drains

Bengaluru: With summer showers expected to lash the city any time and monsoon not far behind, the Bengaluru North City Corporation (BNCC) has taken up a desilting drive of its stormwater drains in Yelahanka, Hebbal and other areas. The civic body said the aim is to ensure uninterrupted water flow and reduce waterlogging during rainfall. Officials in the stormwater drain department said KSFC Layout and Lingarajapuram in Sarvagnanagar constituency, Kogilu Circle in Yelahanka division and Hebbal, Kempapura and Devinagar in Hebbal constituency were taken up. "Heavy rains in BNCC areas comprising Hebbal and Nagavara valley and cloud burst in North Bengaluru have resulted in flooding of Kogilu Cross, Jakkur near Yelhayanka, Byatrayanpura and Manyata Tech Park in Hebbal. To contain floods, the entire stormwater drain network is being desilted," said an engineer. **ENS**

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHIS

01st April : The Fool Wears Pink It's a triple-layered day of fools, with the full moon giving a pinky promise of renewal. April Fool's Day plays with illusion and perception, reminding us that things aren't always as they seem. Passover honors the courage to step into freedom. Under the Pink Moon, these themes weave beautifully: awakening, questioning appearances and stepping into liberation.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
It's wonderful to be foolish about starting things because beginnings rarely arrive with perfect timing or certainty. Many worthwhile ventures begin simply because someone decided the idea deserved a chance to exist in the world. You also have follow-through, and it's gold.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)
It's wonderful to be foolish about delight because the smallest pleasures rarely announce themselves as important. A shared joke, an unexpected kindness -- these are the moments that blossom into truly magical experiences and bonds.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
It's wonderful to be foolish about friendship because true companions are not chosen by spreadsheets of compatibility. They arrive through shared laughter, odd timing and a series of small moments that slowly prove someone belongs in your circle.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
It's wonderful to be foolish with encouragement because a few well-placed words can change the direction of someone's day or even their life. People often rise to expectations they never knew someone had for them.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
It's wonderful to be foolish when investing in your own creativity because seeing things that don't exist and then building them to match your vision is among the highest privileges of human experience. You'll create something that helps others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
It's wonderful to be foolish about hope because optimism has a practical magic. When people believe good outcomes are possible, they attempt things others would never try, and those attempts often create the very opportunities they imagined.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
It's wonderful to be foolish in love because intense infatuation doesn't happen all that often in a typical lifetime. For you, being foolish in love includes radical honesty, whimsical plans and giving much more than you intend to.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)
It's wonderful to be foolish with curiosity about strangers because genuine interest is magnetic. People open up, stories appear, and suddenly, you're known as someone who makes every room feel a little more alive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
It's wonderful to be foolish about adventure because the best stories rarely begin with careful planning. They begin with curiosity, a wrong turn, an open afternoon and the willingness to follow a hunch just to see where it leads.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
It's wonderful to be foolish about believing in people because humans often rise to the level of the trust placed in them. The one who believes first has vision and leadership and can be the catalyst for remarkable effort and loyalty.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
It's wonderful to be foolish with your generous spirit because it changes the world. Some people would never get a chance if it weren't for those who gave when they didn't have to, when it hurt or when they knew they'd never be repaid.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar 20)
It's wonderful to be foolish about learning because the mind grows strongest when it wanders into subjects it may never master. Curiosity that serves no obvious purpose often becomes the doorway to what the world needs.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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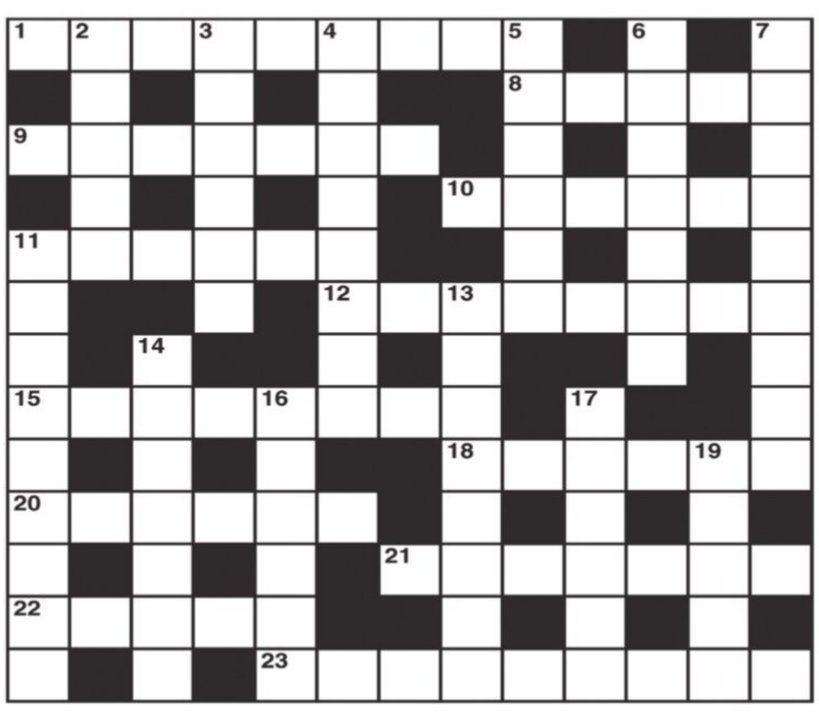
SUDOKU HARD

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Poet involved with fruit cake (5,4)
8 Common stock (5)
9 Claimed to be a test of fitness (7)
10 Not a precious stone but possibly worn (6)
11 He's responsible for issues on a daily basis (6)
12 What gunrunners take part in? (4,4)
15 He likes to know the facts about drink (8)
18 Some direct orders for the clergyman (6)
20 It needs considerable resources to change the law (6)
21 They take pictures a hundred - a thousand - times (7)
22 Added recommendation for a jockey (5)
23 Cranks may be motivated by such an odd character (9)

DOWN
2 Correct some work the men did wrongly (5)
3 Di is to reform fools (6)
4 Below standard tirade is scandalous (8)
5 Geometrical instruments - dividers? (6)
6 Insect on animal is a cause of annoyance (7)
7 Sad boy seen when a vessel is about to leave (4,5)
11 Additional effort required in small parts (5,4)
13 Reg and Maria joined in wedlock (8)
14 Going higher - to where to find walking patients? (7)
16 Go back - but not to work (6)
17 Possibly a grave sign of stress (6)
19 A wild animal - but it's all right; a quiet one (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Palette, 4 Cinch, 7 Salt, 8 Earnings, 10 Editorship, 12 Broody, 13 Agency, 15 Drew one out, 18 Ding-dong, 19 Scow, 20 Prize, 21 Yielded.

Down: 1 Paste, 2 Lollipop, 3 Elapse, 4 Contingent, 5 Nuns, 6 History, 9 Roadbridge, 11 Enforced, 12 Build-up, 14 Twenty, 16 Towed, 17 Anti.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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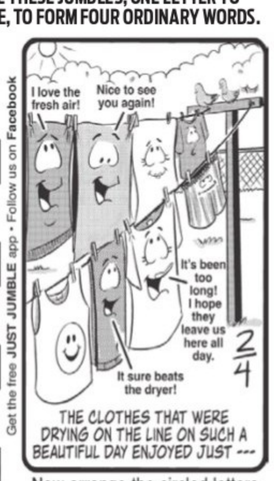
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THE CLOTHES THAT WERE DRYING ON THE LINE ON SUCH A BEAUTIFUL DAY ENJOYED JUST ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GRAVY SKUNK WINNER EFFECT
Answer: The battle for business between the sod sellers was a — TURF WAR

A lightning strike claimed the life of Rahul (25) in Badalgaon village of Aurad taluk, Bidar, on Tuesday. Rahul was in his agricultural field and he reportedly took shelter under a tree when it started raining. A lightning struck and killed him on the spot. Rahul is survived by his wife and parents

DA case: Ex-top official fined ₹4.5cr

72-year-old Muniyappa, ex-MD of KCTU, also sentenced to 3-year rigorous imprisonment

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE special court for Lokayukta cases sentenced former MD of the Karnataka Council for Technological Upgradation (KCTU) V Muniyappa, who is 72 years old, to three-year rigorous imprisonment and a fine of whopping Rs 4.50 crore in a disproportionate assets case.

Special court Judge KM Radhakrishna passed the order, sentencing the accused for offences punishable under Sec 13(2) read with 13(1)(e) of the Prevention of Corruption Act as he was found possessing disproportionate assets of Rs 4.13 crore during the check period 1982 to 2014, the year in which the complaint was registered.

Despite the prosecution's successful attempt to prove the accused guilty, the judge said, "I am to notice the serious investigation lapses on the part of Lokayukta. The investigation officer (IO), TV Manjunath, committed blunders as detailed in the judgment, exposing not only his negligence, but also ignoring investigation into many assets and his failure to collect the related evidence. This kind of conscious lapses not only helps the real culprits to escape, but also ends the cases in acquittal. These lapses are because of the lack of time-to-time supervision, scrutiny and control over the investigation by the superiors concerned. These kinds of lapses have become common in the majority of cases as observed by this court."

Listing out the lapses of the Lokayukta police, he stated that unnecessary delay in investigation, entrustment of the investigation responsibility in a single case to multiple officers and deciding the quality of probe depending on the background, position and societal status of the true culprits, is another face of destroying the evidence.

Prosecution witnesses -- Assistant Director of Statistics, Kantharaju, Assistant Director of Agriculture Nagaraju S, Assistant Director of Horticulture Narayana Swamy and G the Motor Vehicle Inspector Vasudev -- misled the court.

The judge sought an explanation from the erring officials, including the IO and prosecution witnesses, as to why disciplinary action should not be recommended against them.

Man, four minors held for stealing phones at IPL tie

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Cubbon Park police arrested a 26-year-old man from Jharkhand and his four juvenile accomplices for stealing several mobile phones during the IPL match between Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) and Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium on March 28. They recovered 21 mobile phones estimated to cost around Rs 18 lakh from them.

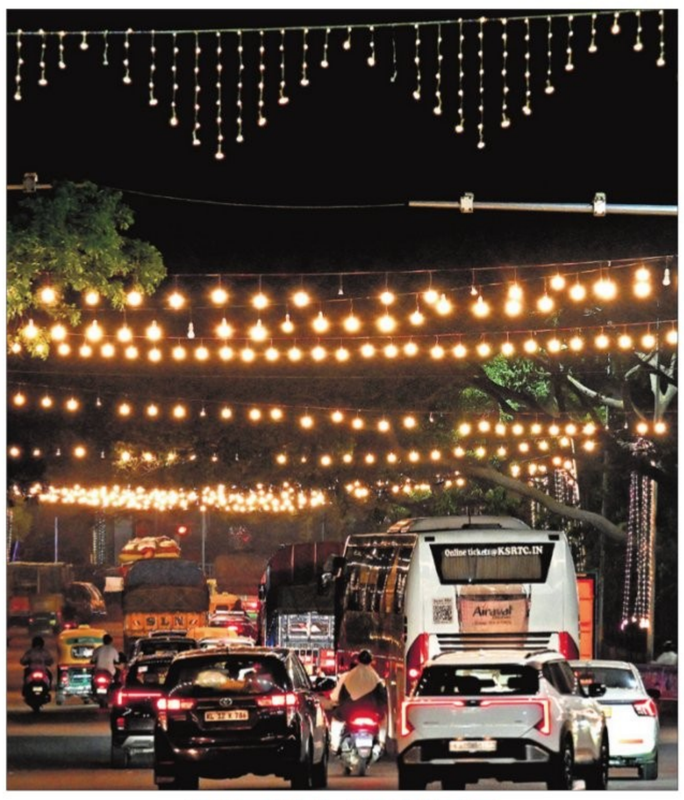
The 26-year-old has been identified as **Shubham Kumar** from Sahibganj in Jharkhand.

The five accused, wearing team jerseys, entered the stadium with tickets and stole mobile phones near the P3 stand. They also stole phones on MG Road, opposite the stadium and even near metro stations.

The police had registered 29 mobile phone theft cases after the match. The wife of one of the victims had posted on social media that her husband lost his mobile phone at the P3 stand when he went to get water after the first innings. Immediately after, some more fans lost their phones. They brought it to the notice of the policemen deployed for security duties.

"We suspect that the accused are part of an organised crime syndicate where minors are used. It appears that the juveniles travel to stadiums during IPL matches. Of the arrested, except for one, all are minors. The accused were staying at hotels in the city. We suspect that they would have gone for the April 5 match and stolen mobiles if they were not arrested," said an officer.

The police have also received information about their other associates and are hunting for them.



CITY LIGHTS

A road near Dharmaraya temple lit up as part of Karaga festival in Bengaluru on Tuesday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

(left) Upa Lokayukta Justice K N Phaneendra inspects Karnataka State Choultry, the government accommodation for devotees, in Mantralaya recently.
(Right) Bugs were also found in the bedding at the accommodation

Mantralaya choultry in a shambles, Upa Lokayukta files case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE sorry state of affairs in the Karnataka State Choultry, a state government accommodation for devotees visiting the famous pilgrimage Mantralaya in Andhra Pradesh to have darshan of Sri Raghavendra Swamy, has prompted Upa Lokayukta Justice KN Phaneendra to take up suo motu cognisance and register a case.

The choultry with 50 rooms- 40 non-AC and 10 AC, lacks basic amenities like cleanliness, hot water and drinking water. Sewage around the building stinks and is a mosquito breeding centre.

Devotees shared their tale of woes with Lokayukta police officer after Justice Phaneendra took cognisance of the poor condition of the government accommodation. Choultry manager, Anjaneyalu, was absent when the Lokayukta police visited the place on February 24.

The Lokayukta police were told that monthly maintenance of Rs 15,000 per month is not sufficient for the maintenance of the choultry, and no steps are taken for the installation of solar panels as geysers are not functioning. The Lokayukta's police report stated that the pathetic condition was due to the inaction on the part of the Muzrai Department of the State.

Registering the case against manager Anjaneyalu and assistant Narasanagowda, treating it as maladministration under the Karnataka Lokayukta Act, the Upa Lokayukta directed to forward a copy of the complaint along with their police report to Principal Secretary Rajendra Kumar Kataria and Commissioner Sharath B, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department, Deputy Commissioner of Raichuru and also to Muzrai Minister and Raichuru District In-charge Minister for necessary action.

KEY QUESTIONS

Upa Lokayukta sought answers from the Manager of Karnataka State Choultry by April 28 to the following questions for the last three years:

- What was the amount of maintenance fund released?
- How much money was spent on the same?
- How much rent was collected?
- What is the methodology of booking rooms?
- Devotees staying in the choultry are being provided free meals or breakfast?
- What is the amount, if any, collected from the devotees in the form of kaanike?
- How much grant was received from the government for meals/breakfast for devotees and spent?

Warned for being irregular, welder stabs supervisor

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

A 30-year-old man from Yadgiri was arrested for brutally killing his factory supervisor in Peenya. The accused, Hanumantha alias Ajay, was a welder at a factory manufacturing plastic furniture and was irregular to work. The victim, R Rahul (30), had warned him and had asked him to look for a job elsewhere. Angry over the rebuke, Ajay attacked Rahul and stabbed him over 10 times.

The incident occurred around 10 pm on Monday. The victim was supervising other employees while unloading some raw materials, when Ajay chased Rahul with a knife and stabbed him to death near the factory. Rahul was rushed to Victoria Hospital, but declared dead on arrival. He was a resident of Brindavananagar in Karihobanahalli.

A police officer said, "The accused, who was working at the factory for seven years, was arrested. He was staying on the factory premises. Some 20 days ago, the victim had warned the accused as he was irregular to work, and after that, the latter had not gone to work."

The victim's brother R Rohith filed a complaint against the accused and the Rajagopal Nagar police registered the case. Rohith and their father too work at the same factory. The family is from Uttar Pradesh. Around 30 workers are employed at the factory.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is given on behalf of my client Mr. N. Venkatesh that the property described in the schedule hereunder is to be purchased by my Client hence he has entered into the Sale Agreement on 28-03-2026 and he has paid the advance amount to the owner Smt. R. Ramya Rani.

Therefore any person(s) having any claim in respect of the schedule property or part thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, charge, gift, maintenance, inheritance, possession, lease, tenancy, sub tenancy, lein, license, hypothecation, transfer of title or beneficial/ minor interest under any agreement or other disposition or under any decree or Awardor otherwise claiming however are hereby requested to make the same known in writing together with supporting documents to the undersigned within a period of 15 days of the paper publication hereof failing which the claim of such person(s) will deem to have been waived and or abandoned.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.17(Old No.41), **E-Khatha PID No.9393199830, Assessment No. 2674/104/2/17** issued by Hebbagodi City Municipal Council Property No. 104/2, Janjar No. 2967, formed in residentially Converted land in Survey No. 104/2, (Conversion Order bearing No. BDS. ALN.SR(A) 31/2003-04 dated 21-08-2003, passed by The Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District) Situated at Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District measuring g East to West ; 30 Feet and North to South : 40 Feet, in all measuring 1200 Square Feet and Bounded as follows :-

EAST BY : Site No. 18, WEST BY : Site No. 16, NORTH BY : Road, SOUTH BY : Private Property.

Sd/- **Nanaiah N S**, Advocate
Off: No.27/B, Deccan Palms, Ananthnagar Phase II, Electronic City, Bangalore - 560 100.
Place : Bangalore Date : 31-03-2026

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL II AT BANGALORE,
BSNL BUILDING 4TH FLOOR, RAJABHAVANA ROAD, BANGALORE
O.A.NO.882/2022

Between:
M/s. ICICI Bank Limited
Having its branch office at:
No. 4/10, Mytree Center
Hosur Road, Bommanahalli
Bangalore-560 068. ...Applicant
And:
Mr. M. Mahesh
S/o. Mr. Honnappa Mallikarjuna
Aged about 44 years,
No. 18/11, 3rd Floor, 8th Main,
2nd Cross, Ganesha Block,
Near Panchamukhi Temple,
Mahalakshmi Layout, Ward 68,
Bengaluru-560086. ...Defendant

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDENTUNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

WHERE AS: The applicant has instituted an application in the section 19 of recovery of debts due to banks and financial institution act 1993 against the You for recovery of a sum of Rs. 33,98,672.18/- (Rupees Thirty-Three Lakhs Ninety-Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy-two and Paisa Eighteen Only) together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs. The above mentioned defendant is required to appear therefore here by direct to appear before the tribunal in person is through an advocate or through authorized agents in support of their defense to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on 29.07.2026 at 10.30 am as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in cause default the application will be heard and determine in your absence.

Given under my hand & the seal of the tribunal on this 11TH Day of MARCH 2026

The Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bangalore

NATIONAL SEEDS CORPORATION LIMITED(NSC)
(A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA UNDERTAKING MINI RATNA COMPANY)
"An ISO 9001:2015 & ISO 14001:2015 Company" REGIONAL OFFICE,
22-C, SIDCO (N), INDL. Estate, Ambattur, Chennai - 600 050.
PH: 044-2625 6192, Email ID- rm.chennai@indiaseeds.com

No. 6(3)/QC/NSC-CHN/2025-26 Date: 31.03.2026

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The offline tenders are invited from registered companies for disposal of Sub-standard seeds.

The Bid may be downloaded from NSC website **www.indiaseeds.com.** The cost of tender **document is Rs.1180/- inclusive** of GST@18% (non-refundable). The last date for submission of Bids is **14.04.2026 at 2:30 P.M. and will be opened on same day by 3:00 P.M at Regional Office, NSC, Chennai.** The detailed terms and conditions can be seen from tender documents / website. Any changes will be placed only on NSC web-site.

REGIONAL MANAGER

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, DIVISION, CHITRADURGA

No.EE:PWD:CTA:AE-2:Tender-73:2025-26 Dated:- 31.03.2026

SHOR TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from registered Contractors in KPWD for the following works through KPPP Portal as per standard tender documents rules.

Name of work :- Two cover System :- Head of Account 3054-03-337-0-05-200 SH Maintainance :- **(1)** CONDUCTING LAND PLAN SURVEY OF LEFTOVER STATE HIGHWAYS IN PWD CHITRADURGA DIVISION FOR THE YEAR 2025-26 (Indent No: 34180)/Call-2
Estimate Cost Rs. in Lakhs:-70.33
Head of Account 3054-04-337-1-10-200 MDR Maintainance
(2) CONDUCTING LAND PLAN SURVEY OF MAJOR DISTRICT AND OTHER ROADS IN PWD CHITRADURGA DIVISION FOR THE YEAR 2025-26 (Indent No: 34182) /Call-2
Estimate Cost Rs. in Lakhs:-168.50
Tenders dates are as mentioned below: Late Date & time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications 07-04-2026 Time: 17.30
Last Date & time for receipt of tenders 08-04-2026 Time: 16.00
Date & time for opening of Technical Bid 09-04-2026 Time: 16.15
Date & time for opening of Financial Bid 13-04-2026 Time: 11.00
Further details can be obtained from this office and H.P. Company helpline Numbers 91 9240214000 and 91 9240214001.

DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/806/2025-26
Sd/- Executive Engineer
PWD, Chitradurga.

Town Panchayath Examba
(E-Procurement) Re-Tender notification
(Notice inviting Re-tender through e-Procurement)

SL:TPE:TENDER: CMIDP /2:2025-26 Date:27.03.2026

Town panchayath Examba invites tender for PWD license contractors in KW-2, Document for Development work under SFC Special Grant, (CMIDP) & 15th fin Intrest amount for dog shelter Work period 6 to 12 month.

Sl No	Details	Date & Time
1	Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders	15-04-2026 @ 4.00 PM
2	Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid	17-04-2026 @ 11.00 AM
3	Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid	18-04-2026 @ 11.00 AM
4	Number of days to extend	2 ದಿನಗಳು

Above tender work details are in available E-Procurement website **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** and TP website **www.exambatown.mrc.gov.in..**

Sd/- Chief Officer, Town Panchayath Examba
Sd/- President, Town Panchayath Examba

DIPO/BGM/RONO.2173/25-26

Job Vacancy (ESM)
Retd Def Officer Below 64, for Canteen Mgt
gpccellkksa@gmail.com
www.gpcscblr.co.in
Loc of Emp: GPSC Bangalore
Last Dt of Application: 21 Apr 26

SREE SANKARACHARYA UNIVERSITY OF SANSKRIT,
KALADY P.O., ERNAKULAM, KERALA - 683 574
RE-ACCREDITED BY NAAC WITH A+ GRADE
0484-2463380, E-Mail-reg@ssus.ac.in, Website : www.ssus.ac.in

No. 00708/ACDB1/SSUS/2026(1) Date 26.03.2026

ADMISSION NOTIFICATION TO M A, M. Sc., M SW, MFA, MPES, MULTI DISCIPLINARY DUAL MAIN MASTERS IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT & P G DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES 2026

Online applications are invited from eligible candidates for the Entrance Examination to various P G Programmes (MA, M. Sc., MSW, MFA, MPES, Multi Disciplinary Dual Main Masters in Disaster Management & P G Diploma) to the 2026-2027 academic year.

Admission to the P G Programmes is based on the marks obtained in the Entrance Examination/Aptitude Test to be conducted in May 2026. Details regarding the eligibility, programmes offered, P G Notification, Online Registration for Entrance Examination etc. are available in the University website:**www.ssus.ac.in.** Last date for the receipt of applications through online is **16.04.2026**.

The University reserves the right to make any change in the programmes and Campus without assigning reasons whatsoever.

Sd/-
Dr. Mothi George, Registrar

ORIX LEASING & FINANCIAL SERVICES INDIA LIMITED
(formerly known as OAIS Auto Financial Services Limited)
(A Subsidiary of ORIX Auto Infrastructure Services Limited)
Regd. Office : Plot No. 94, Marol Co-operative Industrial Estate, Andheri-Kurla Road, Andheri (E), Mumbai - 400 059
Tel.: + 91 22 2859 5093 / 6707 0100 | Fax: +91 22 2852 8549
Email: info@orixindia.com | www.orixindia.com | CIN: U74900MH2006PLC163937

POSSESSION NOTICE
[RULE 8(1) SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORECEMENT) RULES, 2002]

1.Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of the **ORIX Leasing & Financial Services India Limited,** under the Securitization And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a demand notice dated **17.01.2026** calling upon the borrower/ co-borrowers/ guarantors/mortgagors i.e., **M/S NISCHAL GRANITES AND MINERALS, K P NAGESH, ANAND KUMAR & ANUSUYA DEVI** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **INR 3,44,53,276/- (Rupees Three Crore Forty Four Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Six Only)**, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice together with further interest and other charges till the date of payment/realization.

2.The borrowers and co-borrowers despite being served with the said notice and having failed to repay the entire notice amount together with further interest and other charges, notice is hereby given to the borrowers, co-borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **Symbolic Possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on **30.03.2026.**

3.The borrowers and co-borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of **ORIX Leasing and Financial Services India Limited** for an amount of **INR 3,44,53,276/- (Rupees Three Crore Forty Four Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Six Only)** as on **15.01.2026,** together with further interest and other charges thereon.

4.The borrowers and co-borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub – Section (8) Of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asset(s).

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property Bearing E Swathu Katha No. 919, New Katha No. 20/4, Old No. 20/1, Assigned To Portion Of Agricultural Land Bearing Survey No. 20/1, Measuring 21,780 Sq. Ft., Situated At Kannur Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Comprising Of A Ground And Two Upper Floors Building, And Bounded On : **East : Road, West : Property Belongs To Mr. Pillanjinappa, North : Private Road, South : Property Belongs To Mr. Pillanjinappa.**

LOAN ACCOUNT NO : LN0000000005284 & LN0000000004107.
DATE : 30.03.2026
PLACE : BENGALURU

Yours Faithfully,
Authorised Officer
ORIX Leasing & Financial Services India Limited

ASSOCIATION OF MINORITY PROFESSIONAL COLLEGES IN KARNATAKA
(Regd.)(A.M.P.C.K)
No.77005, No.10, Rajaram Mohan Roy Road, Sampangiramnagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 027. Phone: **080-4099908**
Email: **info.ampck3@gmail.com** | Website: **www.ampck.in**

ADMISSION NOTICE FOR ENGINEERING COURSES

Online Application forms are invited from eligible candidates for ADMISSION to BE Course in the Member Colleges of the AMPCK for the academic year 2026-27. The Test (AMPCK UG CET 2026) would be held on **24-05-2026** at Bengaluru, Mangaluru, Interested candidates may visit the website of the AMPCK **www.ampck.in** for details, Online Application may be downloaded from the Association's website only with effect from **10.05.2026.**

Date: 01.04.2026
Sd/- President
Sd/- Secretary

VIJAYANAGARA SRI KRISHNADEVARAYA UNIVERSITY, BALLARI
Jnanasagara Campus, Vinayakanagara , Cantonment, Ballari-583105,

NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited for two posts of Research Assistant (2) and Data Entry Operator (2), to work in a research project in Department of Studies in Economics. The appointment is purely on temporary basis for a period of six months or till the completion of research project whichever is earlier. The interested candidates fulfilling the below qualifications may send their resume and contact Dr. Niranjan.R, (9986341024) for additional details within seven days from the date of this notification.

Sl.No	Post	Qualification	Job Requirements
1	Research Assistant	Ph.D. in Economics /Statistics	Experience in research report drafting/analysis/ familiar with statistical software/s.
2	Data Entry Operator	M.A. in Economics/ Statistics	Experience in enumeration activities/ analysis and reporting/ familiar with statistical software/s.

DIPR/Ballari/1199/KSMCA/2025-26

Sd/- Registrar, Vijayanagara Sri Krishnadevaraya University Jnanasagara Campus, Vinayakanagara , Cantonment, Ballari-583105, Karnataka.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್‌ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ,
ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು ವಿಭಾಗ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 40/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ:26–03–2026

ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಉಪವಿಭಾಗಗಳಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಡುವ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ : 8443–00–117–0–16–542 ಠೇವಣಿ ವಂತಿಕೆ **(SDMF)**, 8443 ಠೇವಣಿ ವಂತಿಕೆ, 5054–80–190–0–01–132 ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ–ಬಂಡವಾಳ ವೆಚ್ಚ (ರಾಜ್ಯ ಹೆದ್ದಾರಿ ರಸ್ತೆ ಸೇತುವೆಗಳು) ಮತ್ತು (ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಮುಖ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆ ಸೇತುವೆಗಳು), 3054–03–102–0–01–200 ರಾಜ್ಯ ಹೆದ್ದಾರಿ ಸೇತುವೆಗಳ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ, 3054–03–337–0–05–200 ರಾಜ್ಯ ಹೆದ್ದಾರಿಗಳ ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಒಟ್ಟು 18 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೆಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ವಹಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ಅಥವಾ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಿರುವ ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ **(Standard Tender Document KW - 1, 2 & 3 ರಂತೆ)** ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಲಗತ್ತಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 3ರಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ಕನಿಷ್ಟ ಅರ್ಹತೆಗಳಿದ್ದರೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಯನ್ನು ವಹಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಕನಿಷ್ಟ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 5.30 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಗರಿಷ್ಟ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 100.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು ಆಗಿರುತ್ತವೆ. ಕೆಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿರುವ 18 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ (ಇಂ.ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 34166 (2ನೇ ಕರೆ), 35186 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04–04–2026, ಇಂ.ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 34666, 34138 (3ನೇ ಕರೆ), 34570 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 06–04–2026, ಇಂ.ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 35112, 35113, 35115, 35114, 34527, 34875, 34768, 34880, 34789, 34812, 34792 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 13–04–2026, ಇಂ.ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 35152, 35151 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15–04–2026ರಂದು) ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಷಯ ನಿರ್ವಾಹಕರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಿ ತಿಳಿಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್,
ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು ವಿಭಾಗ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು

President Droupadi Murmu will arrive in Tumakuru on Wednesday to take part in the 119th birth anniversary celebrations of Sri Shivakumara Swamiji at Siddaganga Mutt at 11 am. She will address a vast gathering, including more than 10,000 children from all communities studying in the mutt. Over one lakh people from across the state are expected to attend

BYPOLLS: CM SAYS BJP TO COME A CROPPER

Leads campaign in Bagalkot, Davanagere South, blames previous govt for lack of development

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bagalkot

WITH the Congress launching a high voltage campaign to ensure victory in the by-elections to Bagalkot and Davangere South constituencies, the BJP leadership has come out with the jibe that the ruling party is jittery over the poll outcome.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday said such remarks only indicate the BJP's anxiety about coming a cropper at the hustings.

Addressing reporters during a campaign event for the Congress candidate Umesh Meti, the Chief Minister reiterated that it has been a tradition of the Congress to field family members of the deceased MLAs, and similar decisions have been taken in Bagalkot and Davangere.

The CM expressed confidence that Meti will secure a decisive victory in Bagalkot, stating that public support is beyond all expectations.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah campaigns for Congress candidate Umesh Meti in the Bagalkot constituency on Tuesday | EXPRESS

Siddaramaiah said the overall atmosphere in the by-election constituencies is favourable for the Congress. He recalled the contributions of the late HY Meti, noting that he had worked extensively for the development of Bagalkot and served all sections of society. He added that Meti, contesting from the seat vacated following the demise of his father, is all set to win.

Referring to developments in Davangere South constituency, he said Congress candidate Pailwan Sadiq has been persuaded to withdraw from the contest. He added that Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan will also participate in the election campaign.

On the remarks made by Leader of Opposition in the Council, Chalavadi Narayanaswamy, regarding the CM's post, Siddaramaiah said he remains committed to the decisions of the Congress high command and declined to comment further on the statements by the BJP functionaries.

Criticising the previous BJP government, Siddaramaiah said that Bagalkot did not witness significant development during its tenure. He said issues such as setting up of a medical college and providing relief to farmers under the Upper Krishna Project were not given due priority, while reiterating that HY Meti's contributions to the district's development are visible.

POLL WALL

Cong runs on ideology, workers not leaders: DKS

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@ Davanagere

WITH just eight days left for voting to the bypolls, whether minister Zameer Ahmed Khan comes to campaign in Davangere South or not is still a big question. Speaking to media persons on Tuesday, Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar said,

"The party has sent Zameer to campaign in the Kerala elections and he will complete it. We have given the responsibility of the election campaign here to other minority leaders and they are doing the job effectively."

Asked if Zameer is unhappy at being sent to the neighbouring state, he said, "A party runs independently. It does not run on Shivakumar or Siddaramaiah, it does not run on Zameer. The party runs on ideology and workers. We have worked on elections since the beginning and are confident of victory."

The BJP criticises the Congress for its contributions to the welfare of minority communities as "Muslim appeasement", he said. "They say we are a party of Muslims. It is our duty to protect all sections of society along with minorities. It is from this perspective that we have given a seat in the Legislative Council to Abdul Jabbar from this part. We have also given a seat to a minority candidate from Shiggaon constituency and 16 positions as chairpersons of boards and corporations to minorities," he added.

ANOTHER SCAM?

Irregularities alleged in tender for KSWAN 3.0

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ALLEGATIONS of irregularities have surfaced in the tendering process for KSWAN 3.0 -- Karnataka State Wide Area Network project, with claims that the state government may incur an additional financial burden exceeding Rs 90 crore because of procedural violations. The state's e-Governance Department is accused of bypassing established tender norms while awarding the contract for upgrading the existing statewide network infrastructure. KSWAN 3.0 aims to enhance and expand the digital connectivity linking all government offices across Karnataka, building on an already operational network.

Preparations for the project reportedly started in 2022, with consultancy firm PricewaterhouseCoopers appointed to draft tender documents after consultations with global industry players. The initial tender, Tender No. CEG/2025-26/IND0043 -- issued on July 11, 2025, saw the participation of RailTel Corporation of India, Orange Business and Telecommunications Consultants India Ltd. But the tender was cancelled on the grounds that bidders had not submitted adequate documentation. Critics argue that instead of seeking clarifications — as is standard practice — the process was abruptly scrapped.

Subsequently, citing outdated technical specifications, the department revised the criteria through a committee and reissued the tender on December 8, 2025. Concerns have been raised that this move violated provisions of the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act, which mandates a fresh tendering process only when significant changes are made. Instead, the tender was reissued as a "second call," a step critics allege was designed to favour a specific bidder.

The revised tender reportedly included specifications that effectively limited participation to vendors supplying equipment from a single manufacturer, raising concerns about monopolistic favouritism. In the second round, only RailTel and TCIL participated.

The issue was flagged by the Karnataka Rashtra Samithi Party, which wrote to the e-Governance Department on March 25, 2026, demanding cancellation of the tender and clarification on alleged violations. But the department went ahead and issued a Letter of Intent to RailTel on March 27 after approval.

The party raised multiple questions on handling of the project, including the rationale behind cancelling the original tender, accountability for alleged lapses and the role of the consultant. It also questioned whether any penalties were imposed on the consulting firm for deficiencies in the tender design.

Technical concerns have also been highlighted, particularly regarding revised specifications that allegedly reduce the capacity of source routers while increasing that of terminal routers — an imbalance that experts warn could worsen existing server performance issues.

Calling the project "deeply flawed", the party demanded immediate cancellation of the tender, warning that the current structure could lead to higher long-term costs for the state and promote vendor monopoly. The state government has not yet responded to these allegations.

BJP state president B Y Vijayendra campaigns in Bagalkot on Tuesday

SIDDU MADE FALSE PROMISES TO FARMERS: BYV

Bagalkot: BJP state president B Y Vijayendra accused Chief Minister Siddaramaiah of making false promises on providing relief to farmers who will lose their land due to the raising of Almatti dam height, and demanded clarity on the funds released so far. Addressing media persons while campaigning for the bypolls in Bagalkot city on Tuesday, he questioned the government's announcement of convening a special cabinet session to address farmers' issues. "How much funds have actually been released? The government should explain the status of the Upper Krishna Project," he said. Vijayendra said four months back, the government had promised compensation of Rs 40 lakh per acre for irrigated land and Rs 30 lakh for dry land. He asked the government how much of this amount had been disbursed so far. ENS

DKS: Shamanur's legacy, govt welfare schemes will propel Samarth to victory

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Davanagere

PREDICTING the Congress' victory in the upcoming Davanagere South bypolls, KPCC chief and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Tuesday said the developmental works initiated by former minister late Dr Shamanur Shivashankarappa and the welfare programmes of the state government will ensure the triumph of the party's candidate -- Samarth Shamanur Mallikarjun.

"We have cleared all confusion and everyone is working together. The Congress is taking everyone together. The contributions of Dr Shamanur Shivashankarappa, who was also president of the Akhila Bharatha Veerashaiva Lingayat Mahasabha, is immense and it will come in handy for the victory of our candidate who is the grandson of the former minister. A survey conducted in the constituency shows that 79 per cent of voters favour the Congress candidate," he told reporters.

Stating that Samarth Shamanur will win by a big margin, Shivakumer noted that people will not forget the leadership of Shivashankarappa during the Covid pandemic and his contributions in the field of education. "It is due to Shivashankarappa that thousands of students come here to get education. The district is famous because of him. And people will support his family now.," he said.

"The prices of essential commodities including gas, petrol and diesel are increasing and will continue to do so. The Congress government has implemented guarantee schemes to protect people from such price hikes. The importance of our scheme is now being realised," he said.

Asked about the party's campaigning in the two constituencies, he said, "Our CM has already started campaigning in these constituencies. Leaders to whom the party has given the responsibility to campaign in the state and outside are doing their job effectively. I came here after campaigning for two days in Assam. Today I will campaign in Davangere and tomorrow in Bagalkot. Then I will go to Kerala for two days and Assam for a day. I will come back and campaign in these constituencies again."

Bypolls will be barometer for '28 Assembly elections: BSY

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COMING down heavily against Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, BJP leader and former CM BS Yediyurappa said, "Siddaramaiah is another name for betrayal of trust and confidence. After becoming CM, the Siddaramaiah-led state government has been busy with daylight robberies -- transfers, commissions and scams."

At a press conference here on Tuesday, he accused the Congress of corruption, highlighting the MUDA and the Rs 187 crore ST Corporation scam.

He said Minister Nagendra's resignation in connection with the Valmiki Corporation scam is an old issue, but people should not forgive the ruling party for betraying the ST community. "The government is running according to the Congress' whims and fancies, putting development works on the back burner and not considering the interests of the people," he said.

BJP leader BS Yediyurappa with party candidate Srinivas Daskariyappa during campaigning in Davanagere on Tuesday

Stating that the present government is the most corrupt, Yediyurappa said people will teach a lesson to the party in the Davangere and Bagalkot bypolls. "The Congress government has bankrupted the state in the name of its guarantee schemes. The roads are in a pathetic state. Not even a single kilometer of road is being built. Farmers are not being provided electricity. The prices of all available goods have increased, burdening the people of the state. When we were in power, we had given Rs 4,000 crore under the Raita Kisan Samman Yojana. It has betrayed people by transferring Rs 38,000 crore for the guarantee schemes from the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes fund," Yediyurappa said.

He said people across the state are fed up with the Congress misrule. "The bypolls are not just about electing an MLA. Voters have got an opportunity to teach a befitting lesson to the corrupt Congress on behalf of the people of the state. The bypolls will be a barometer for the 2028 Assembly elections."

PINCHING POCKETS

Surjewala slams Centre for price hike in essential medicines

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

AICC General Secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala here on Tuesday lashed out at the Centre as it increased prices of 900 essential medicines, including those for diabetes, hypertension and infectious diseases that will come into effect from April 1.

The Modi government and National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) are increasing the prices of 31 medicines including that for diabetes and prophylactic Merofen 500 mg used in ICUs. It has imposed a 12% GST despite demand for GST exemption on essential medicines, he said.

The prices of plastic goods have increased 50% since March 2026. On March 25, Indian Oil Corporation increased the price of polyethylene by Rs 7,000 per tonne. The price of polypropylen bitumen used for asphalt has increased from Rs 45,000 to Rs 65,000 per tonne in March 2026, he elaborated.

"Cement prices are estimated to increase by Rs 50-100 per bag in April 2026. The country's cement sector is under the control of Adani and its price may increase further. Iron prices are also rising in a similar manner, but the Modi government has remained a spectator," he alleged.

He also took a dig at the government as air fares have increased by 10-15% in March and April, with Air India and IndiGo imposing fuel surcharge.

Surjewala alleges toll loot

"A good example of the Centre looting Kannadigas is that Rs 900 crore has been collected since 2023 to date on the Bengaluru-Mysuru highway. This amount will increase from April 1," alleged AICC General Secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala. He said that since 2019-20, the Modi government has collected Rs 23,000 crore through toll hike and toll tax. The Centre is increasing the toll tax by 5% from April 1, which will impose an additional burden of Rs 250 crore. He said the Centre has increased speed post rate by 34% which will make sending small items or documents through India Post expensive. "Before asking for votes, the PM and every BJP leader must answer for price hikes," he said.

AICC General Secretary Rajdeep Singh Surjewala addresses the media at the KPCC office in Bengaluru on Tuesday. DCM DK Shivakumar looks on | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

DKS: Centre's Ujjwala now a firewood stove scheme

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

LASHING out at the BJP-led NDA government at the Centre for price rise due to the LPG crisis, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Tuesday said that its 'Ujjwala' scheme has now become a "firewood stove" scheme.

He told media persons here, "What happened to BJP's acche din slogan? Should we now call it kaccha din? Assembly elections will soon be held in five states. Hotels are shutting down and people are being forced to use electric stoves. Electricity consumption in the state has increased 10%. The Union government has given people the option of using firewood, but where will that come from?"

People may even face a shortage of firewood in the coming days. Even in villages, people are using LPG and have stopped fetching firewood. Black market is active and domestic gas prices have gone up to Rs 2,000 and commercial gas to Rs 4,000 a cylinder, he said.

He alleged that prices of essential commodities have gone up because of the wrong decisions and policies of the Union government. The state government faced criticism when it was forced to increase prices of certain essentials. "The Centre is now waging a price war against the common man," he said.

'Govt will procure bitumen'

Shivakumar said the state government will procure bitumen and supply it to contractors as its prices have gone up by Rs 6,600 per tonne. He claimed that this decision was taken at a meeting he had with officials and contractors. Tenders had been invited for building roads based on old prices of building materials, he said.

In a veiled attack on businessman Adani, he alleged that there is a mafia behind the rising cement prices. "Cement prices have been increased by Rs 50 to Rs 100 a bag. There is a big mafia behind this. Everyone knows who is controlling it. Steel prices have also gone up from Rs 47,000 to Rs 59,000 per tonne. How can ordinary people build homes? This has also affected construction work of the government," he said.

KPSC DELAYS INTERVIEW DATES AGAIN, ASPIRANTS LEFT IN LIMBO

RASHMI PATIL @Bengaluru

THE Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) is once again facing flak for leaving aspirants who have cleared the mains in a tight spot by failing to confirm the dates for the final round of interviews for Group A and B posts of gazetted probationers.

In February this year, thousands of aspirants came to the streets in Dharwad against the state government for failing to provide jobs in various departments and demanded filling all the vacancies. The protest forced the government to release the results of the mains on March 2, 2026, though the exam was conducted in February 2024. Around 1,152 candidates were selected for the interview round, of which 384 will be selected for various posts depending on the total marks.

KPSC announced that the final round of interviews would be held between March 23 and May 4, but withdrew the decision citing various reasons and promising to publish the next dates soon. But till now, there has been no clarity.

A candidate, selected for the final round of interview, told TNIE, "When the results of mains were announced, we thought KPSC would conduct interviews soon. But nothing has been done. We waited for two years for KPSC to release results of the mains. I don't know how many more years we have to wait for the interview now. I have been attending mock interviews at private coaching institutes. My father will retired soon and there is pressure on me to find a job."

A file photo of KPSC aspirants protesting in Dharwad in February

Another candidate, who too was selected for the final round, said, "My mother is the sole breadwinner of our family. I have a younger brother studying in II PU. These delays hit us hard as the financial condition in our home isn't good. It is difficult for an aspirant like me to arrange money to pay the paying guest rent in a city like Bengaluru."

TNIE tried reaching KPSC officials, but they did not respond.

Roadmap to reform KPSC

Mohandas Hegde, member, Karnataka Policy and Planning Commission, has written to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, asking him to introduce a roadmap to reform KPSC, saying it is the need of the hour.

He urged the CM to modernise the selection processes to evaluate practical skills, ethical reasoning, leadership and citizen-centric decision-making, while reducing stress and delays for aspirants. The roadmap also includes aligning officer roles with competencies, establish fixed-tenure norms, reduce arbitrary transfers and empower officiating officers to maintain accountability and continuity. Integrate digital tools, dashboards and data-driven decision-making across recruitment, training, postings and policy implementation to improve efficiency, transparency, and accountability, he suggested.

A 25-year-old tribal youth was killed after the motorcycle he was riding collided with a ragi harvesting machine in Hunsur taluk on Tuesday. Police identified the deceased as Girish, a resident of Girijana Haadi in the taluk. He died on the spot

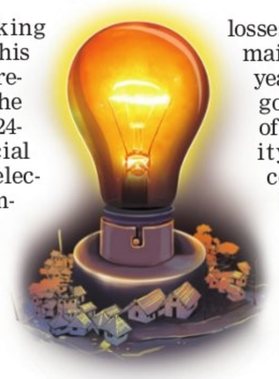
POWER CHARGES TO GO UP FROM APRIL 1

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

TRUE-up electricity charges would be announced by mid-April, but will be effective from April 1, said Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) Chairman P Ravi Kumar.

True-up charges will be different for each of the five Electricity Supply Companies (ESCOMs) in the state.

The KERC has not issued a notification seeking public opinion in this regard. "True-up revision is based on the consumption in 2024-25 and the financial condition of the electricity supply companies. It also depends upon fuel adjustment charges, the coal stock, the grid condition, transmission losses and operation and maintenance costs. This year it will also include government's share of pension and gratuity amount which consumers have to bear," officials in KERC said.



This is the first time true-up charges have been introduced in Karnataka.

The last time fuel adjustment charges were announced was in 2022-23. The KERC on March 27, 2025 had issued tariff orders for three financial years. The KERC had announced to hike the fixed charges by Rs 25 across boards. It had also included the 36 paise per unit pension and gratuity surcharge (government's contribution) order which was issued on March 19, 2025.

Experts working with the government said, "Though KERC is an independent body, it is functioning on the directions of the government. The elections and the model code of conduct should have no impact on the KERC. Work on the trueing up exercise had started during the last financial year itself. The KERC is also well versed with the losses that the ESCOMs and KPTCL have claimed regularly. Delay in announcement is not right."

'POOR UNDERSTANDING'

CM slams BYV, defends K'taka's financial health

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CHIEF Minister **Siddaramaiah** on Tuesday rejected BJP state president BY Vijayendra's demand for a white paper on Karnataka's finances, calling it a reflection of "poor understanding of economics and political frustration".

In a press statement, the CM said the recently presented state Budget itself serves as a transparent account of finances, having been debated and approved in both Houses. "If doubts remain, I am ready for clarification or even an open debate," he added.

Dismissing claims of bankruptcy, Siddaramaiah asserted that Karnataka remains economically stable, with no issues in salary payments and a peaceful governance environment.

He also pointed out that the state Budget stands at Rs 4.48 lakh crore, up 9.4% from last year and mentioned that Karnataka's GSDP growth of 8.1% exceeds the national GDP growth of 7.4%, while fiscal deficit remains within the 3% limit and liabilities at 24.94% of GSDP. The CM also accused the Union government of "stepmotherly treatment" towards Karnataka through reduced tax devolution and discontinuation of GST compensation, leading to significant revenue losses and a deficit since 2023-24.

"Despite these challenges, we have maintained that the state's economy is stable and growing," he added.

Siddaramaiah further criticised BJP governments for higher debts and weaker fiscal management, urging Vijayendra to "do homework before making statements".

Fin dept says notice on outsourced staff fake

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@Bengaluru

A fabricated notice, claiming to have been issued by the Finance Department, has been circulating on social media, creating confusion among government employees and the public. The fraudulent document claims that the department had issued an order on March 24 regarding the continuation of services of outsourced employees in government departments.

However, finance department officials have officially clarified that the notice is fake. In a clarification, the department stated that no such order has been issued and termed the document as false and misleading. Authorities have urged the public and employees not to rely on unverified information and to refer only to official communications. The department is expected to look into the source of the fake document and take appropriate action against those responsible for spreading misinformation.

Tumakuru decked up for Murmu's visit

ENS @ Tumakuru

THE city has been bedecked to welcome President Droupadi Murmu, who is scheduled to participate in the 119th birth anniversary celebrations of Sri Shivakumara Swamiji at Siddaganga Mutt here on Wednesday at 11 am. She will address a gathering, of more than 10,000 children from all communities, irrespective of caste and creed — largely students belonging to the SC/ST/OBC categories and minorities — studying in the Mutt.

Over one lakh devotees from across the State are expected to attend, and arrangements are under way to serve them food, including sweets, informed Dr Shivakumaraiah, a functionary of the Mutt. From Tumakuru University (TU) helipad she will proceed by road to the Mutt.

Union Ministers Pralhad Joshi and V Somanna, along with Ministers M B Patil, Lakshmi Hebbalkar and Dr G Parameshwara, will attend the event.

Suo motu case over X post on incident at Dr G's college

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE City's Cyber Crime Police registered a suo motu case against the post on '@sabhyastha (Hindu Jagritanagu)' X account, regarding a controversial incident that took place at a medical college in T Begur in Nelamangala Taluk, belonging to Home Minister G Parameshwara. The case was registered under section 299 of BNS (deliberate and malicious acts, intended to outrage religious feelings) and also under the IT act. The post was about the incident where an assistant professor of the microbiology department proposed a student in the classroom, resulting in an FIR. The cyber police registered the case regarding an objectionable post made linking the Home Minister.

Assistant prof Dr Abdul Rehaman Sharif had proposed a student at Sri Siddhartha Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Centre, leading to an FIR against him following a complaint from the college principal Dr SV Divakar on March 26. The principal stated that a few students complained against Abdul, accusing him of sexual harassment and bad conduct.

EXPRESS READ

RUAS ORGANISES WORKSHOP ON STARTUPS

The Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences organised an inter-university workshop titled "Startup Journey: Idea, Innovation and Entrepreneurship – Building Startups for the Future" on March 24 and 25, with support from the Ramaiah Technology Business Incubator. The workshop included sessions on ideation, market research, business model development and funding, delivered by professionals including Sujith Vijayan from Bigtec Private Limited and Ravi Shankar from the Centre for Entrepreneurship. Dr Sarat Kumar Maharana, dean of the faculty of engineering and technology, presided over the event. CEO of the foundation was the chief guest. Dr Nayana N Patil, associate dean, and Dr Kiran Kumar BM, IIC convenor were present. **ENS**

Two kids drown while swimming in Hidkal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Belagavi

IN a tragic incident reported from the Yamakanmardi area of Hukkeri taluka, two schoolboys drowned while swimming in the backwaters of the Hidkal reservoir near Shri Brahmadev Temple, located behind Halegudganatti village.

According to sources, five children from nearby villages had gone to the spot on their bicycles to swim as their school was closed for the day. The children, all students of Class 7, reached the backwaters around 10 am Krishna Vithal Khanapuri (14) and Prajjwal Muttappa Gokar (14), both residents of Dudavi village, entered the water along with their friends. However, the riverbed at that location was deep, and the two boys, who reportedly did not know how to swim properly, were unable to return to the shore and drowned.

Upon receiving information about the incident, the fire brigade rushed to the spot and launched a search operation. After more than two hours of effort, the team recovered both bodies from the water.

The deceased boys were students of the Government Upper Primary School at RC village in Hattargi. The sudden loss has plunged their families and the local community into deep grief.

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Calendar of Events: **1)** Tender Document may be downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 01-04-2026. 2)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **06-04-2026 at 11.30 AM in the Office of the Executive Engineer (QA/QC), BSCC, 4th Floor, Jayanagara Commercial Complex, 30th Cross Road, 9th Main Road, Jayanagara 4th Block, Bengaluru - 560011. 3)** Last Date & Time for Receipt of Tenders: **08-04-2026 upto 4.00 PM. 4)** Date of Opening of Technical Bid: **09-04-2026 at 4.30 PM.** Further details can be had from the above office.

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Notification Number: DAMH/CW/T-37/2025-26 Date: 25.03.2026

On behalf of the Governor, Government of Karnataka, the department of Archaeology, Museum and Heritage, Mysuru has invited the itemwise tender & Service tener for the works of **DAMH/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT-179/Call-3, 166/Call-3, 209/Call-2** & Service tender no: **DAMH/2025-26/IND0004** under the standard tender documents KW-1&3 & Service Tender. The amount of minimum **Rs.10.00** lakhs to Maximum **Rs.95.99** lakhs kept for these tenders as per Standard Tender bid Document. Tender documents can be obtained through **(https://kppp.karnataka. gov.in/)** e-portal from date **26.03.2026** onwards.

Last date and time of any Queries for tender	**02.04.2026, 17.00 hrs**
Last date and time of tender submission	**10.04.2026, 16.00 hrs**
Opening of Date and Time of Technical bid	**13.04.2026, 16.30 hrs**
Opening of Date and Time of Financial bid	**15.04.2026, 11.00 hrs**

Sd/- Commissioner
Department of Archaeology, Museums And Heritage, Mysore.

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Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Yes Bank Ltd. i.e. Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **31-3-2026** for recovery of **Rs.50,12,711.43 (Rupees Fifty lakh Twelve Thousand Seven Hundred Eleven rupees Forty Three paise Only)** as on **18/8/2022** subject to further interest and charges at contracted rate, due to the Secured Creditor from **Sri. Neelakanta, S/o Mallikarjuna, (Applicant) and Smt. Sunitha, D/o Baswaraj, (Co-Applicant) in loan account No: AFH002200794811.**
The reserve price is Rs.6010000/- and the earnest money deposit is Rs.601000/-
Description of property : (i) All that piece and parcel of property bearing HASB Katha No.979/480, New coropration Katha No.23, Situated at 1st cross, Raviprakash Nagar, Konena Agrahara, Near Airport, Bangalore-560017, inclulded in ward No.73 of Bangalroe City Corporation, measuring East to west 60 feet and North to south 50 feet, in all measuring 3000 sq.ft and bounded on; East by : Road, West by : Site No.5, Noth by : Thomas and Ravindran's Property, South by : Road.
(ii) 1/15th undivided interest, i.e., 200 sq.ft in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule-1, Part B (I) above.
(iii) Flat No.501, in Forth floor, having a super build up area of 1095 Sq.ft with car parking space, Known as "Sai Krupa Residency" being PID No.73-84-23/12 issued by BBMP Bangalore, inclusive of proportinate share in all common area the building consists of ceramic flooring. The doors and windows are made out with Mathi, along with water, electicity facilities.
Date and time of e-auction: 6th May 2026 ; 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM with extensions of 5 minutes.
Last date for submission of bid: 5th May 2026 till 3 PM.
Date of inspection of property: 4th May 2026; 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **https://www.yesbank.in/about-us/media/auction-property** Secured Creditor's website i.e. **www.yesbank.in.**
In case of any difficulty in obtaining Tender Documents/ e-bidding catalogue or Inspection of the Immovable Properties / Secured Assets and for Queries, Please Contact Concerned Officials of YES BANK LTD , nne6767891@yesbank.in Ph: 9000024413 and kraghu.prasad@yes.bank.in ph: 9923002312 and Sharath Kumar P on 919148937885 on sharathkumar.p@yesbank.in and Officials of M/s E-Procurement Technologies Limited, Ahmedabad, Contact Person - Ram Sharma, Bidder Support Numbers : 9978591888, 9265562821 -079 61200594/ 598/ 568/ 587/ 538. Email: support@auctiontiger.net, ramprasad@auctiontiger.net, Website For SARFAESI - https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net
As contemplated U/s.13(8) of the Act, in case our dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by us are tendered at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured asset shall not be sold or transferred by us, and no further step shall be taken by us for transfer or sale of that secured asset.
SALE NOTICE TO BORROWER/GAURANTORS
The above shall be treated as Notice U/r. 9(1) read with 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, to the Obligants to pay the same within 30 days from the date of publication. The sale notice and detailed terms and conditions of the auction is published in **New Indian Express and Kannada Prabha** on 1st April 2026 and also published in https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net (online Auction website) for participating in online auction and please refer to the link https://www.yesbank.in/about-us/media/auction-property provided in website of YES Bank Ltd. i.e. www.yesbank.in. No further notice shall be henceforth given to you.

Date: 01.04.2026, Place: Bangalore Sd/- Authorized officer, For YES BANK Limited

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The Divine Star Protection Pendant

A Purpose-Driven Journey Towards Success and Happiness

In a world increasingly defined by speed, stress, and silent struggles, organisations that seek to address human well-being beyond the material are rare. The Divine Star stands as one such initiative, rooted not merely in commerce but in a deeper philosophy of service, healing, and upliftment. Built on the guiding belief that "Every Human Being Needs One," the organisation positions its work as both a wellness solution and a larger life mission.

At the heart of this venture is Dr. Rajiv Golcha, supported by his business associate MA Roohi, together steering The Divine Star with a shared commitment to impact lives meaningfully. Their work reflects a blend of professional rigour and human sensitivity, aiming to reach individuals across backgrounds and geographies.

Dr. Rajiv Golcha: A Life Where Science Meets Spiritual Purpose

Some people choose a profession. Dr. Rajiv Golcha chose a purpose. A rare confluence of commerce, science, and spirituality, Dr. Golcha stands among an exceptionally elite group as one of the only thirteen certified international Planetary Gemologists in the world. With over two decades of global practice, he has guided thousands of individuals across more than 20 countries toward meaningful transformation in health, wealth, relationships, career, and spiritual well-being - not through generic prescriptions, but through precise, personalised, working solutions.

His academic and professional credentials reflect both depth and diversity. A Bachelor of Commerce and MBA in Finance, coupled with an LLB, Dr. Golcha is also a distinguished diamond merchant and Awarded Designer of fine jewellery. He is a Graduate Gemologist from the globally respected Gemological Institute of America, Carlsbad, and a recognised expert in diamonds and rare gemstones. In addition, he is a noted antique collector, with a refined eye for rarity and heritage.

Yet, beyond his commercial and scientific achievements lies a far deeper dimension of mastery. Holding a Doctorate in Vedic Astrology and advanced knowledge in Vedic mathematics, Dr. Golcha brings academic rigour to ancient Indian sciences that are often misunderstood or superficially practised. Backed by over 30 years of immersive study, research, and spiritual discipline, he commands authority across a vast spectrum of knowledge systems - including astrology, gemology, numerology, palmistry, mantra, yantra, mudra vigyan, meditation, healing sciences, colour therapy, tarot, and signature analysis.

His approach is not fragmented. Instead, he synthesises these disciplines into a unified, actionable framework tailored to each individual. This rare integration allows him to move beyond prediction and into transformation. His clientele spans continents - from the USA, UK, Canada, and UAE to Russia, Saudi Arabia, Australia, Thailand, and the Philippines - a testament to the global trust he commands and the consistency of his results.

Having spent over 16 years in Dubai and travelled to more than 70 countries, Dr. Golcha's worldview is shaped by rich cross-cultural exposure and lived experience. Despite achieving financial success and professional stature, he consciously redirected his journey towards a higher purpose. The Divine Star is not merely a business for him; it is a mission rooted in service. Having personally navigated challenges in health, finance, and life, he brings empathy and insight into his work, helping others overcome similar struggles. Dr. Rajiv Golcha does not merely predict the future. He helps people build a better one.

The Science and Spirituality of the Protection Pendant

Central to The Divine Star's offering is The Divine Star Protection Pendant, developed over nearly three decades of research and real-world validation. It features the rare Black Star Diopside gemstone from Madagascar, believed by Dr. Golcha to possess strong paramagnetic properties that interact with the human system to remove and protect against any Negative Energies.

THE DIVINE STAR
PROTECTION PENDANT
"EVERY HUMAN NEEDS ONE"

Designed as a shield against negativity, it addresses both external influences and internal emotions such as anxiety, fear, and stress, helping restore clarity, stability, and positivity.

Crafted in pancha dhatu, a traditional five-metal alloy, and embedded with ten ancient protective universal symbols, the pendant reflects a holistic design accessible to people across all backgrounds.

A Holistic Offering with Social Impact

The Divine Star Protection Pendant is complemented by a curated Combo Kit featuring a karungali mala, Tulsi mala, Siddha Nepali Panchamukhi Rudraksha, and sacred yantras like the Shri Yantra and Maha Lakshmi Yantra, Ashta Lakshmi yantra designed to address negativity, financial instability, and life obstacles.

Authenticity is central, with every gemstone certified by reputed international laboratories and backed by QR-coded verification, ensuring complete trust.

Beyond its products, The Divine Star supports community welfare, including a government school in Doddaballapur, and promotes women's empowerment through livelihood opportunities.

Guided by the belief that "Every Human Being Needs One," the organisation seeks to bring balance, clarity, and well-being into people's lives.

For more information, log on to:
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The Karnataka Institute of Cricket has announced its annual summer camp, which will begin on April 1. The camp invites boys and girls aged five years and above for holistic cricket training. Participants will gain experience in both white-ball and pink-ball cricket, with four sessions scheduled each day, including floodlight sessions

CITES INFRA GAPS

Lapses in ESIS, cases sent to pvt hosps: CAG

VINCENT D'SOUZA @ Mangaluru

THE CAG report has flagged injudicious referrals to tie-up hospitals under the Employees' State Insurance Scheme (ESIS) in Karnataka, leading to avoidable expenditure and gaps in healthcare delivery.

The audit found that between 21 and 31 per cent of total ESIS expenditure was incurred on referrals to private tie-up hospitals, even for services that could have been provided in ESIS hospitals with adequate infrastructure. The high rate of referrals was attributed mainly to insufficient facilities and a shortage of specialist doctors.

At ESIS Hospital in Davanagere, 2,274 insured persons and their family members were referred for cataract surgeries to tie-up hospitals between 2021-22 and 2023-24, despite the presence of a qualified ophthalmologist. The referrals were made due to the absence of supporting infrastructure required for intraocular lens (IOL) procedures. Similarly, ESI Hospital in Mangaluru referred 1,765 ENT cases to external hospitals between 2018-19 and 2023-24 owing to outdated equipment, with no new machinery supplied to the department during this period.

The audit also noted violations of referral guidelines. As per the referral manual, patients discharged from tie-up hospitals should be provided with a seven-day supply of medicines. However, test-checked cases revealed that this provision was not followed, and patients were discharged without receiving the prescribed medication.

In response, the state government informed the audit in July 2025 that referrals were necessitated due to the lack of critical facilities such as ICUs in ESIS hospitals. It added that the high number of referrals in Davanagere and Mangaluru hospitals was due to staff shortages and delays related to procurement procedures.

The report pointed out broader deficiencies in ESIS implementation across Karnataka, including non-implementation of preventive health services, resulting in a loss of central grants amounting to Rs 39.84 crore. Digital initiatives such as telemedicine and the Dhanwantari portal remained underutilised, while medical equipment worth Rs 7.74 crore was left uninstalled. Payments were also released without verifying equipment delivery, and essential services such as ICUs and supply of quality drugs were found lacking.

Fake medical claims

The report flagged a suspected misappropriation of Rs 4.03 crore under the ESIS, citing large-scale manipulation of medical reimbursement claims in the state. According to the findings, officials processed reimbursements based on fake sanction orders, particularly in Bagalkot, where 902 fraudulent claims were submitted using 57 fabricated sanction orders. These were countersigned and routed through the system, leading to wrongful payments. Between 2020 and 2024, an amount of Rs 3.67 crore was disbursed against fake claims. Additionally, 65 more claims worth Rs 36.08 lakh were inserted beyond those approved, further inflating the fraudulent payouts.

SPILLOVER HAZARD

A woman carefully steps past a mound of construction debris spilling onto the roadside at St Johns Road in Bengaluru on Tuesday | VINOD KUMAR T

EXPRESS READ

2 transgenders assaulted with lethal weapons

MYSURU : A group of youth allegedly carried out a brutal assault on two transgender persons after they refused to give them money, in Mysuru. The incident occurred near Amruta Layout, close to Sathagalli area. According to police and preliminary reports, the victims identified as Pari (30) and Anam (21) were attacked with sharp weapons, including knives and swords, leaving them seriously injured. The complainant said that the accused approached Anam who was returning from a pharmacy shop, and demanded money for personal expenses. When she refused, an argument broke out. Anam then called her friend Pari to the spot for support. However, the situation escalated, and the group allegedly attacked both individuals. Police have detained three suspects in connection with the case.

ETF staff escape elephant attack in Sakleshpur taluk

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Hassan

ELEPHANT Task Force (ETF) personnel reportedly made a narrow escape from an elephant attack near Mattur village in Sakleshpur taluk on Tuesday. The incident unfolded as Youvaraj and Prasanna, ETF staff, were riding separately on a motorcycle to monitor the movement of elephants that frequently trigger panic among residents and stray into human settlements, following complaints lodged by villagers.

At around 6.30 am, an elephant was suddenly sighted at close range and immediately charged towards them. In response, the alert staff sprang from the vehicle and managed to flee, leaving their motorcycles behind. The elephant then moved in and smashed both motorcycles lying on the ground. While escaping, Youvaraj and Prasanna sustained minor injuries.

Villagers alleged that the forest department has failed to effectively curb the escalating elephant menace. They urged urgent action, saying the time has come to implement concrete measures to prevent further incidents.

Speaking to *TNIE*, Mohan Kumar, a farmer, called on the authorities to ensure adequate protection and support for ETF personnel, who are deployed to gather information after tracking elephant movement. He also demanded that the department provide full-fledged vehicles and necessary assistance to improve field response.

The farmer noted that elephants venture into human habitats in search of food, heightening the risk to nearby communities. Senior forest officials, led by DFO Sourab Kumar, visited the site. Following the inspection, the villagers assured officials that efforts would be made to prevent elephants from entering human areas in the future.

Jumbos charge at forest jeep in Bandipur, driver escapes unhurt

Mysuru: In a fresh incident highlighting the ongoing man–animal conflict in the Bandipur region, a herd of wild elephants that strayed out of the forest in search of food damaged a Forest Department jeep in Sargur taluk. The driver narrowly escaped unhurt. The latest incident comes amid growing concerns over wildlife movement in the region, including frequent tiger sightings that have already heightened tensions. With elephants now adding to the threat, locals have renewed their demand for the closure of safari operations, arguing that increased human activity may be disturbing animal movement patterns. According to forest officials, the elephants had ventured out of the forest and were being driven back when they charged at a department vehicle near the fish seed production centre at the Nugu reservoir.

BALLARI COPS SEIZE ILLEGALLY STOCKED LPG CYLINDERS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Ballari

AMID an acute shortage of commercial LPG cylinders, the hotel industry in Ballari is facing mounting pressure, with several establishments struggling to sustain operations. Taking advantage of the crisis, an illegal network allegedly began selling LPG cylinders at exorbitant prices, prompting swift police action.

Ballari police raided a house in Gautam Nagar where black marketing of LPG cylinders was reportedly underway. During the operation, officials seized five commercial cylinders and four domestic-use cylinders that were being sold unlawfully.

Police with LPG cylinders seized during a raid in Ballari | EXPRESS

The accused, identified as Gangaraj (44), was taken into custody from the premises. Preliminary investigations revealed that domestic LPG cylinders were being sold for Rs 2,000, while commercial cylinders were priced as high as Rs 4,000, nearly double the government-prescribed rates.

Police sources said the accused had been exploiting the ongoing supply crunch to make quick profits, targeting small hotels and eateries hit hardest by the shortage. Authorities have intensified surveillance across the city to curb such illegal activities and ensure the fair distribution of essential commodities.

WOMAN SUFFERS BURNS AS FUEL STORED AT HOME CATCHES FIRE

Dharwad: A 32-year-old woman from Dharwad district suffered burns after petrol stored in the house caught fire when she lit the gas stove. Identified as Poornima, the victim was rescued by a neighbour, and is currently under treatment. The fuel was stored following rumours of an impending shortage in the wake of the West Asia crisis. Police said around 10 litres of petrol was kept near the fridge, and the container was not airtight, leading to fumes spreading inside the house.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE ON REVISED USER FEE (TOLL) RATES AT **KARJEEVANAHALLI / GUILALU** TOLL PLAZA APPLICABLE FROM **1st April 2026** .The public are hereby informed that pursuant to approval of revised user fee rates vide letter dated **24-03-2026** of NHAI, the user fee rates for use of the section from Km **62.000** to Km **132.000 ,Tumkur - Sira** section (including Bypass) of **NH- 48 (Old NH-4)** are going to be revised as under w.e.f. **1st April 2026** at **00.00 Hrs. Karjeevanahalli** Toll plaza (Chainage: **104.530** Km near **Karjeevanahalli** village, **Tumkur** district) & the section from Km **132.000** to Km **189.000 ,Sira - Chitradurga** section of **NH- 48 (Old NH-4)** are going to be revised as under w.e.f. **1st April 2026 at 00.00 Hrs. Guilalu** Toll plaza (Chainage: **172.770** km near **Guilalu** village **Chitradurga** district) in the state of **Karnataka:**

For Toll Plaza Karjeevanahalli at Km 104.530 of NH-48 (Old NH-4) Tollable length is 70 Kms

Category of vehicle Only	Only FASTag Fee for single journey (in Rs.)	Only FASTag Fee for return journey within a day (in Rs.)	Only FASTag Fee for monthly pass valid for 50 journeys in a month (in Rs.)
Car/ Jeep/ Van or Light motor vehicle	90	135	2960
Light commercial vehicle / Light Goods vehicle or Mini bus	145	215	4780
Bus or Truck	300	450	10015
Heavy construction machinery (HCM) or Earth Moving Equipment (EME) or multi axle vehicle (MAV) (Three to Six axles)	470	705	15705
Oversized vehicle (seven or more axles)	575	860	19120

The rates for monthly pass applicable for local non - commercial vehicle resides within a radial distance of 20 Km from the toll plaza for the year 2026-27 shall be Rs.360/-(Only FASTag)

For Toll Plaza Guilalu at Km 172.770 of NH-48 (Old NH-4) Tollable length is 57 Kms

Category of vehicle Only	Only FASTag Fee for single journey (in Rs.)	Only FASTag Fee for return journey within a day (in Rs.)	Only FASTag Fee for monthly pass valid for 50 journeys in a month (in Rs.)
Car/ Jeep/ Van or Light motor vehicle	90	135	2960
Light commercial vehicle / Light Goods vehicle or Mini bus	145	215	4780
Bus or Truck (Two axles)	300	450	10015
Heavy construction machinery (HCM) or Earth Moving Equipment (EME) or multi axle vehicle (MAV) (Three to Six axles)	470	705	15705
Oversized vehicle (seven or more axles)	575	860	19120

The rates for monthly pass applicable for local non - commercial vehicle resides within a radial distance of 20 Km from the toll plaza for the year 2026-27 shall be Rs.360/-(Only FASTag)

1. As per Gazette notification **G.S.R. 298** that user fee vehicle not fitted with "FASTag" or vehicle without valid, functional "FASTag" entering in to "FASTag lane" of the Fee Plazas shall pay a fee equivalent to two times of the fee applicable to that category of vehicle as per sub –rule(2)of rule 4"
2. The above rates are applicable for a completed length of 70 Km, which comprises of 70 Km road length for Toll Plaza Karjeevanahalli at Km 104.530 & The above rates are applicable for a completed length of 57 Km, which comprises of 57 Km road length for Toll Plaza Guilalu at Km 172.770
3. The following concessions are available at above toll plaza. (Only FASTag)
   (i)Return Journey within 24 hours from time of payment for all categories of vehicles (discount 25%)
   (ii) 50 or more single journeys in a month from date of payment for all categories of vehicle (discount 33%).
   (iii)Pass at Rs.360/- (Only FASTag)per calendar month for non –commercial vehicle residing within 20km. from Toll plaza
   (iv)Annual Pass for FY 2026-27 is Rs 3075/- for one Year validity or 200 toll plaza crossing.
4. The scheme of giving concessions may be viewed at http//nhaitis.org
5. The list of exempted vehicles is as given in the Fee Notification dated 05.05.2011 & 19.05.2015
6. The vehicle which is loaded in excess of permissible load, shall pay 10 times the applicable fee rate and Remove the excess load to make use of highway.
7. As per concession Agreement dated Aug 16, 2010 the concession period ends on June 3, 2037 The use fee (Toll) rates shall be reduced to 40% after the end of the concession period.
8. For viewing the fee notification dated 05.05.2011 published in the Gazette, letter of NHAI dated **24-03-2026** containing approval of revised rates and provisions in the concession agreement, the website http//nhaitis.org may be visited.
9. Name and address are as under, for any enquiry and /or giving complaints /suggestions:

	Concessionaire	IE	PIU of NHAI
Name of representative	Sri. Jay Karan Prasad.	Sri. Mukund Thakur	Sri. Sunil Kumar
Address	IRB Tumkur Chitradurga Tollway Ltd. Project Manager, Guilalu Toll Plaza, Guilalu Village Taluk Hiriyur - 577558 Chitradurga (Dist)	MSV International Inc C/o H V Venkatesh No.29-501-178 Vedavathi Nagar, Hiriyur -577598 Chitradurga Dist	Project Director National Highways Authority of India Door No: 1383,1384, 1391/55,56 & 63Bank Colony,Samrat Layout Behind SRE Petrol Bunk Chitradurga – 577 502.
Mobile Nos:	9900079028	8003920047	8686087085

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited through **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for the following works:

KALINADI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT

(1) KPCL/2025-26/SE0342, Dt: 23.03.2026.Conducting laboratory investigations adivsed to the patients of KPCL employees and their dependents at KHEP Hospital, Ambikanagar, Ganeshgudi and Kadra for a period of one year (297 days, Excl. of Sundays & Govt. Holidays). Tender Amount: **Rs. 26,09,739/-.** EMD: **Rs. 65,245/-.** Last date for receipt of Tender: **13.04.2026, 17.00 Hrs.** Further information can be had from **Deputy Medical Superintendent (Ambikanagar),** KHEP Hospital, KPCL, Ambikanagar-581363, Tel.No.: 08284-258630, M: 9449599145, Website: **www.kpcl.karnataka.gov.in** Email: **khephospital@gmail.com**

VARAHI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT

(1) KPCL/2025-26/IND2464/CALL-2, dtd: 18.03.2026. **Supply of Spares for excitation system to VHEP.** EMD: **Rs. 3,432/-. (2)** KPCL/2025-26/IND2529, dtd: 18.03.2026. **Supply of Relays and Meters to VHEP.** EMD: **Rs. 10,708/-.** Last date for receipt of tender: **04.04.2026 up to 16.30 Hrs**. Further information can be had from **Executive Engineer(MSP)H,** VHEP, KPCL, Hosangadi-576282, Kundapura (T), Udupi (D), Karnataka, **M: 9448182618.**

ಹೊಸಪೇಟೆ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ಹೊಸಪೇಟೆ.
ಐ.ಎಸ್.ಆರ್ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಚಿತ್ತವಾಡ್ಗಿ ಹೊಸಪೇಟೆ–583 201,
ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 08394–227749
E-mail:hospethuda@gmail.com

No.HUDA:A1:MASTER PLAN(P-2):2025-26
DATE. 31.3.2026

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION

As per KTPP Act Tender has been invited for the preparation of Master Plan(R-2) of the Hospet Local Planning Area in two cover system. for further information Contact Commissioner HUDA Hospet
1.Tender submission Last date & time: **13.04.2026 at 10.30 am.** 2.Pre-bid meeting: **06.04.2026 at 11.00 am.** 3.Technical bid opening date & time: **14.04.2026 at 11.00 am.** 4.Finanical bid opening date & time: **15.04.2026 at 11.00 am.** 5.Place of opening Tenders: **Hospet Urban Deelopment Authority**
Indent no: HUDA/2025-26/SE0009 Estimated cost: Rs. 188.80 lakhs (including GST)
Sd/- Commissioner
Hospet Urban Deelopment Authority Hospet
DIPR/Vijayanagar/2025-26/KSMCA/RO No/624

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **Sri. DHRUVAKUMAR G.,** S/o. B.H. Gopala Reddy, aged about 39 years, residing at No.17/1, Sarjapura Road, HDFC Bank Road, Ambalipura Bellandur Gate, HSR Layout, Bengaluru - 560102, AADHAAR No.555472756926. PAN: CGCPD1135M, wish to state and inform the following to the public at large.

1) I am the father of my minor daughter Ms. Moulya D. Reddy, aged about 13 years.
2) My daughter, Ms. Moulya D. Reddy, was born on 01/05/2012 to me and my wife, Smt. Divya Shree. Ms. Moulya D. Reddy holds Aadhaar No.8976 2251 8650 & Passport No.Y9680805.
3) I state that the name of my daughter is be changed from **Ms. Moulya D. Reddy** to **Ms. Moulyaa D. Reddy**. Henceforth, my daughter, previously known as **Ms. Moulya D. Reddy**, shall be known, called, and identified as **Ms. Moulyaa D. Reddy**.
4) This change of name of my daughter from **Ms. Moulya D. Reddy** to **Ms. Moulyaa D. Reddy** shall be applicable for all purposes, including but not limited to all records, documents, and proceedings.
5) I state that both the names i.e. the old name **Ms. Moulya D. Reddy** and changed / new name **Ms. Moulyaa D. Reddy**, refer to one and the same person, i.e., my daughter.
6) I have also executed an Affidavit dated 28/03/2026 to declare and confirm the change of name of my daughter from **Ms. Moulya D. Reddy** to **Ms. Moulyaa D. Reddy.**

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank | Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.
Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	M A Nagaprasad/ LBBNG00005993728/ LBBNG00006012512	Schedule A Property: Item No.1. All That Piece and Parcel of Residential Converted Land Measuring 03 Acres 01.04 Guntas in Sy No.44/1, (Fully Converted Vide Conversion Order No. Alnsr. 70/16-17, Dated. 06.05.2017) Situated At Dommalur Village, Lakkur Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District, And Bounded on The East By : Border of Bargur Village West By : Land in Sy No.49 North By : Road South By : Land In Sy No.45 Item No.2. All That Piece and Parcel of Residential Converted Land Measuring 04 Acres 27 Guntas In Sy No.47, Converted Conversion Vide Order No. Alnsr. 68/16-17, Dated.06.05.2017) Situated At Dommalur Village, Lakkur Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District, No.47, (Fully and Bounded on The; East By : Property Belongings To Sri. Chennarayappa's (Sy.46) Land West By : Land in Sy No.48 North By : Land In Sy No.45 South By : Border Of Bargur Village Item No.3. All That Piece and Parcel of Residential Converted Land 1). Measuring 04 Acres 05 Guntas In Sy No.48/1, 2 (Measuring 00 Acres 31 Guntas in Sy No.48/2, Totally Measuring 04 Acres 36 Guntas Land) Fully Converted Vide Conversion Order No Alnsr. 69/16-17, Dated.06.05.2017) Situated At Dommalur Village, Lakkur Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District, and Bounded on The; East By : Land in Sy No.47 West By : Land in Sy No.51 North By : Land In Sy No.47 South By : Land in Sy No. 48/2 Item No.4. All That Piece And Parcel of Residential Converted Land Measuring 05 Acres 21 Guntas in Sy No.45, (Fully Converted Vide Conversion Order No Alnsr.67/16-17, Dated. 06.05.2017) Situated At Dommalur Village, Lakkur Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District, and Bounded on The East By : Land In Sy.134 West By : Land In Sy No.49 North By : Land In Sy No.44/1 South By : Land In Sy No.46 Schedule 'b' Property: All That Piece and Parcel of The Immovable Property Residential Site Bearing No. 245, Measuring East to West 12.19 Mtrs (40 Feet) And North to South 9.14 Mtrs (30 Feet) Totally Measuring 111.48 Sq Mtrs (1200 Sq Ft), Having Village Panchayath Khathano.207/245, Property Id No. 151900802701321001 Carved Out of Sy No. 48/1 As Per The Plan Sanctioned By The Malur Planning Authority Vide 45/2017-18, Dated 12.04.2018, In The Layout Known As "adisesh Boulevard" Situated At Dommalur Village, Lakkur Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District And Bounded As Follows:- East By : Road West By : Site No. 264 North By : Site No. 246 South By : Site No. 244./ Date of Symbolic Possession on 26/03/2026.	15.03.2025 Rs. 26,47,641.14/-	Bangalore
2.	Vinod Vijayakumar/ Padma Vijaykumar/ LBBNG00005119900/ LBBNG00005120538	Schedule A All That Piece and Parcel of The Converted Land Bearing Municipal No. 08, Survey Number 80/1, Measuring About 0-32 Guntas (Thirty Two Guntas) Situated At Horame Village, Krishnaraja Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk (Previously Bangalore South Taluk), Bangalore- 560043 Presently Situated Within The Bbmp Jurisdiction Ward No. 25 and The Land Is Converted Vide Order of The Special District Commissioner, Bearing No. ALN(EAST)SR(KH)163/10-11 Dated 11/3/2011 And The Land Is Bounded on The: East By : Road West By : Private Property North By : Road South By : Private Property Schedule B Property (Share in Land Conveyed) 403 (Four Hundred And Three Only) Sq.feet Undivided Share, Right, Title and Interest in The Schedule A Property Is Conveyed Herein, Schedule C Property (Apartment Hereby Conveyed) A Residential Apartment Bearing No. 403, Consisting Two Bed Rooms, on The Third Floor Which is Constructed on The Schedule A Property And Named As Satwi's Clarinet, Having Super Built Up Area of 1153 Sq.feet Along With One Covered Car Parking At Cellar Floor Numbered As 403 and The Apartment Esconstruction of Rcc Roofing, Vitrified Flooring, Brick Wall, Including Other Amenities Provided to The Entire Apartment Complex./ Date of Symbolic Possession on 26/03/2026.	06.01.2026 Rs. 29,12,104.00/-	Bangalore

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: April 01, 2026
Place: Mysore & Bangalore & Kolar

Sincerely Authorised Officer
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that as per the instructions of my client, the original Sale Deed dated 27.03.2013, bearing Document No. MLS-1-03611-2012-13, stored in CD No. MLSD58, executed between Mr. Perikal M. Mallappa and M/s. NCC Urban Infrastructure Limited, in favour of Mrs. Elizabeth Jacob Sandvik (since deceased), is lost, despite diligent search.

It is further stated that a Lost Article Report in respect of the said missing original Sale Deed has been duly lodged with the Karnataka State Police on 04.02.2026, bearing Serial No. 2045234.

The said Sale Deed pertains to the following Schedule Properties described below.

If any person(s) is/are in possession of or has/have knowledge of the whereabouts of the original Sale Deed dated 27.03.2013 relating to the Schedule Properties, they are hereby called upon to return the same or report such where about to the address mentioned below.

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residentially converted land being a portion of Survey No. 5/2, bearing Old Sy. No. 5, situated at Mandalakunte Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring 3 Acres 20 Guntas, and bounded on the:

East by : Sy. No. 5/1 and Sy. No. 5/3 of Mandalakunte Village
West by : Remaining portion of Sy. No. 5/2 belonging to the Vendor
North by : Yelahanka-Yeshwanthpur Road,
South by : Sy. No. 6/1 and Sy. No. 6/6 of Mandalakunte Village

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY

The property conveyed under this deed is 937.04 Sq. Ft. of undivided right, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' Property mentioned above.

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY

The Apartment (Duplex Flat) bearing No. 1701/1801, on the Seventeenth/Eighteenth Floor ofBlock B, in the project known as "NAGARJUNA ASTER PARK", constructed on Schedule 'A' Property, measuring 2756 Sq. Ft. (super built-up area, including exclusive terrace area), consisting of four bedrooms, a kitchen, inclusive of proportionate share of common areas, along with one car parking space. The Apartment comprises of R.C.C. Structure with Vitrified/Ceramic Tiles flooring and bounded on:

East by : Flat No. A-1702
West by : Flat No. B-1702
North by : Driveway
South by : Flat No. B-1704

Address for communication:
LAKSHMI MENON
LAW CHAMBERS OF LAKSHMI MENON,
Advocates
No. 33, 1st Floor, Crescent Road, High Grounds, Bengaluru-560001,
Email: lakshmi@lmlegal.co.in

The Union government is set to introduce the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2026 in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday, which will officially declare Amaravati as the capital of the state and provide statutory backing to the ongoing greenfield capital city project

In TN, Cong & BJP struggle to finalise candidate list

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Chennai

Officials check the vehicle of TN CM MK Stalin at a junction on the Tiruchi-Nagapattinam Highway as he proceeds to Tiruvarur for a campaign, in Tiruchirappalli | EXPRESS

WHILE all the major state parties in Tamil Nadu have announced their candidates and kick-started their campaigns, the two national parties - BJP and Congress - that were keen to contest in more seats in the state in the upcoming Assembly elections are yet to finalise their list of candidates.

Both the parties said that negotiations were still under way and there were delays since they had to consult and seek approval from their national leadership as well. However, sources from the respective parties acknowledged that there were a lot of disagreements within their respective state units, resulting in the delay. Congress, which pressured DMK to not only allot more seats but also finalise seat-sharing soon, is reportedly facing a lot of factional feud in candidate selection. Of the 28 seats the party got from DMK, 16 have Congress MLAs and majority of them are likely to retain their seats. The fight, however, is tough for the remaining 12 seats, party sources said.

Meanwhile, in BJP, the discontent among a section of party functionaries and cadres in the 27 seats AIADMK chose to allot to it, has led to tensions within the party. Many of the seats allotted to BJP are considered to be tougher for the party. Interestingly, former TN BJP president K Annamalai, who was allegedly not keen to contest this election and conspicuously stayed away from a previous meeting of senior functionaries here, flew back from his campaign in Puducherry on Tuesday hurried back to Chennai in a chopper on Tuesday to attend a meeting chaired by BJP's election in-charge for Tamil Nadu at its headquarters. Goyal, who reached Chennai, earlier in the day told reporters that the candidates list will be finalised soon by party's national leadership.

EXPRESS READ

Newborn found dead in Hyd hospital flush tank

HYDERABAD: A newborn male baby was found in the flush tank of the OPD ladies' washroom at Ramdev Rao Hospital in Hyderabad on Tuesday. Police suspect that the baby was thrown into the tank a few weeks back. Kukatpally police said the hospital authority told them that a staffer named Narasamma, found the body in the tank. The police suspect that an unknown woman, who delivered the baby, abandoned it in the flush tank to conceal the birth. **ENS**

GHMC seals Jayalalithaa property over tax arrears

HYDERABAD: The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation seized a property located in Srinagar Colony, Venkateshwara Hills under Yousufguda Circle-38 limits in Hyderabad that is registered in the name of former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J Jayalalithaa over pending property tax dues. Howe-ver, GHMC officials later opened the seal as counsels representing GHMC and Jayalalithaa's legal heirs held discussions regarding reduction of property tax. Officials said the property is currently vacant and the counsel representing Jayalalithaa sought vacancy remission. **ENS**

BJP national president Nitin Nabin, Kerala vice-president MT Ramesh and NDA candidate for Attingal P Sudheer during a road show in T'puram on Tuesday | BP DEEPU

NDA promises free LPG cylinders, pension for women in Kerala

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@T'Puram

THE BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) released its manifesto for the 2026 Kerala Assembly elections here on Tuesday, laying out an expansive welfare-and-development roadmap under the banner of 'Vikasita Keralam', with a mix of direct cash support, infrastructure expansion and institutional reforms.

The alliance pledged two free LPG cylinders annually, during Onam and Christmas, and 20,000 litres of free water per month for every household. In the agriculture sector, the NDA has promised Minimum Support Price (MSP) coverage for all crops requiring support, alongside reforms to allow multi-crop cultivation in plantation lands through amendments to existing land and forestry laws.

The NDA also promised a Bhakshya Arogya Suraksha Card for women from poor and BPL families, offering a monthly recharge of Rs 2,500 that can be used for groceries and medicines. In addition, a strengthened welfare pension of Rs 3,000 per month has been promised for women heads of poor households, widows and senior citizens above 70 years.

BJP National President Nitin Nabin, who released the manifesto, said the document presents a visionary 10-year roadmap to dismantle decades of "political match-fixing". The NDA promised to establish Kerala's first AIIMS, addressing a long-standing demand for advanced tertiary care infrastructure in the state. It has also proposed a high-speed railway corridor connecting Thiruvananthapuram to Kannur, the completion of all phases of the Kochi Metro, and new metro projects in Thiruvananthapuram and Kozhikode.

An 'Employment Linked Incentive Scheme' has been proposed, under which enterprises would receive soft loans of Rs 1 lakh for every job created for Kerala residents. The manifesto promises to "protect" key pilgrimage centres, including Sabarimala and Guruvayoor Temple, by revamping Devaswom Boards to enhance devotee participation.

Techies' suicide: They might have married nine years ago

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KUNTA has left behind a suicide note in which he has blamed himself for the extreme step. He has specifically mentioned that Shaziya had nothing to do with his suicide.

Shaziya was working in Hyderabad when Kunta returned from the US. The duo moved into the flat in Bharatiya City in August and Shaziya then took up a job in the city. He was said to be severely depressed as he could not find a job, taking a toll on his health.

"Both were said to be classmates, and their families did not know about their relationship. We are not ruling out the possibility of them having registered their marriage nine years ago, even as Shaziya's family was looking for alliances. She had gone to see her mother last week and when she returned on Monday, Kunta did not open the door, nor did he respond to her calls. She got the door of the flat opened with the help of security guards and saw Kunta hanging dead. Within the next few minutes she jumped to her death," a police officer said. The police have registered two separate cases of unnatural death.

If you are having suicidal thoughts, or are worried about a friend or need emotional support, there is someone. Call Sneha Foundation - 04424640050, Tele Manas - 14416 (24x7) or Call, the Tata Institute of Social Sciences' helpline - 02225521111, (available Mon to Sat (8 am-10 pm)).

K'taka's iconic tusker Gajendra shifted, vets alarmed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE relocation of Karnataka's popular 73-year-old tusker Gajendra from Budipadaga to Mathigodu sparked serious concerns among veterinarians, who pointed out that the jumbo cannot be handled if a fight breaks out at the new location.

As pressure mounted from social media users to move Gajendra as he was alone at Budipadaga in BRT Tiger Reserve, Forest, Environment, and Ecology Minister Eshwar B Khandre issued orders to shift the jumbo to the Mathigodu elephant camp in Nagarhole Tiger Reserve, which has 12 elephants. The foresters shifted him in an open-air truck covering the distance in three-and-a-half hours. Veterinarians said, "He is a mighty bull, despite his age. In Mathigodu, other tuskers already have mates. Once Gajendra goes there and a fight takes place, handling it would be difficult. In fact, females from overloaded elephant camps should have been shifted to Budipadaga for his company and better habitat." Adding to the fear, Gajendra has killed a tusker and his mahout in the camp when he was in heat (masth) before. Following that incident, he was kept tied most of the time as the new mahouts were unable to handle him. He was earlier a part of the K Gudi elephant camp. A few years later, the entire camp was shifted to Budipadaga because of better facilities. But with the death of elephants and two other elephants being shifted, Gajendra was left alone on the banks of the Suvarnamukhi River.

Khandre said elephants are social animals and the decision was taken after a representation from concerned citizens.

Twenty years ago, Gajendra was one of the most popular Dasara elephants. "He was the favourite of late Member of Parliament Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar. He was used for many elephant capture operations in Uttarakhand, UP, MP and two years ago in Tamil Nadu. A year ago, he was part of the elephant and tiger capture operations in Bandipur. If late Arjuna was mighty, Gajendra is a notch higher," said foresters who have worked with the tusker.

IN COURT OF THE REAL ESTATE APPELLATE TRIBUNAL KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
FR. APPEAL No. 141 of 2025
NOTICE / SUMMONS TO RESPONDENT R-2
To, **M/s. Vijicon Properties.**
B 104, Vijicon Celandine S.No. 23/1, Kasarsai Hinjewadi, Pune - 410506.
Whereas, the Appellants have preferred the aforementioned appeal against you and in view of the same, your presence before this Tribunal is necessary for the further adjudication of these appeals. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Tribunal in person or through a pleader on your behalf **on the 30th day of APRIL 2026 at 11:00 AM** to answer the claim; and you are directed to produce on that day all the documents upon which you intend to rely in support of your defence.
Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned, the appeals would be heard and determined In your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal, This 25th day of March 2026.
By order of the Tribunal, Registrar, Karnataka Real Estate Appellate Tribunal, Bengaluru-560027.
Name & Address of the Counsel for Appellants:
M/S. A & Y Partners, Advocates
F-3, III Floor Ligoury Court, No. 7, Palmgrove Road, Victoria Layout, Bangalore - 560047.
Ajay Shankar Rao ajayshankar@aypartners.in +91 7022695020

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the general public that my client **Mrs. Vijayalakshmi V.,** W/o. Chandru C., is the absolute owner of the Eastern Portion of Property bearing Site No. 19, in Khatha No. 55/3, E-PID No. 2530068204, situated at Nayandahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, present this property comes under the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Chandra Layout Range, Old Ward No. 39, New Ward No. 131 (Nayanadahalli), Bengaluru; measuring East to West 15 ft., and North to South 50 ft., total measuring 750 Sq. Ft., and bounded on the East by: Property belongs to Muniswamy, West by: Remaining portion of same property, North by: 20 ft., Road and South by: Property belongs to Ramachandrappa. While taking photocopies of the said property documents at a Xerox Centre near Nayandahalli, my client has lost one of the sheets of the original Sale Deed dated 09/07/2003 (Doc No. 9349/2003-04) pertaining to the said property. In spite of thorough search and enquiry, the said original document could not be traced. She has lodged a Police Complaint in this regard vide Lost Article Report No. 2120313/2026 dated 23/03/2026.
In the event any person having /finds the above said original document, kindly handover the same to the below mentioned address within 07 days of the publication of this notice. The general public are informed not to act on the basis of the said original document.
SAMPATH KIRAN, Advocate
No. 10, 3rd Floor, 3rd Cross, Nissan House Austin Town, Near B.K Medicals, Bengaluru-560047

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Door No. 331, N.S. Road, Devaraja Mohalla, Mysuru- 570 001.
Phone No. 0821-2423304 & Mobile : 91489 77304
SHOW CAUSE NOTICE
Ref:Ho.CMD.RFA.COR.45/2025-26 Date:10.02.2026
Without Prejudice
Mrs. Nagarathna Reddy, 37, Homm7 Road, Hommadevanahalli, Bengaluru Urban, Bengaluru - 560083.
Dear Sir, You availed the following jewel loans with our branch

S No	Account Number	Loan Amount Rs.	Opened date	Jewel Details	Gross weight (in grams)	Net weight (in grams)
1	505700300 103923	9,72,000	03.01.2025	Chain-2, Kada-1, Bangle-2	139.8	138

We found that the jewels you pledged are spurious and observed that, intentionally to cheat the bank, you have pledged the spurious jewels and availed a loan from the bank. Hence, in accordance with the bank's procedures and the RBI guidelines, we have identified your activity as "Fraud".
"If you have any representation against the above decision, you shall submit the same to us within 21 days from the date of receipt of this notice."
Based on your representation and the available records, the bank will decide on declaring/reporting the activity as "Fraud". If no representation is made within the specified time, it shall be construed that you have nothing to say in this regard, and your activity will be declared as Fraud and reported as above without further notice.
This show cause notice is issued without prejudice to any or all rights and remedies available to the bank as a creditor under various laws.
Place : Mysuru **Branch Head, Mysuru Branch**

Hinduja Leyland Finance Limited
"27 A, Developed Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai – 600032.
CORRIGENDUM
This is reference to the E-AUCTION – SALE NOTICE,
Sale of secured immovable asset under SARFAESI Act published on 28.03.2026 in this newspaper **The New Indian Express & Kannada Prabha** for Borrower Names:
1. M/s. SPEEDEX TRANS CARRIERS PRIVATE LIMITED
Loan Account No. KABNBNC000035, KABNBNC000050, KABNBNC000060 & KABNBNC000096
2. Mrs. GAYATHRI T,
Loan Account No. KABNBNC000082 & KABNBNC000107
3. Mrs. GAYATHRI T,
Loan Account No. - KABNBNC000082 & KABNBNC000107
In the advertisement Type of Possession Should be read as **Symbolic Possession.** Other content of the Sale notice will remain same.
Sd/- Authorised Officer

PUBLIC NOTICE
My Client **Sri.Naveen Adavayya Hiremath** S/o late Adavayya C Hiremath intends to purchase the **SCHEDULE PROPERTY** from its owners **Smt.Sathanapally Radha Murthy,** D/o late Nori Venkateswarlu and **Sri.Srinivas Nori,** S/o.late Nori Venkateswarlu having acquired the same by way of GIFT DEED dated **05.12.2015** and succession.
If anyone having Claim right over the **SCHEDULE PROPERTY** may intimate the same to the undersigned within 07 Days failing which it will be deemed that nobody else has claim over the property.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of Flat No.**301**, in Third Floor, measuring **1445 Sq.feet** Super Built up Area, containing Three Bed Rooms, in the apartment named **"GITANJALI PARADISE"** along with UDS of 365 Sq ft E Katha issued by BBMP A.R.O Ward No:**57-C.V.Ramanagar** by retaining same PID NO: **83-108-14/301** and the flat constructed in Property/**Katha No.14,** situated at Nagavarapalya, Varthur Road, Off Old Madras Road, Bangalore, in Ward No.83,
B.B.SUDHIR, Advocate.
No:334, 09th Main, 14th Cross, Indiranagar, BANGALORE-560038
Mob:98450 22593

Office of the Administrative Medical Officer General Hospital Chintamani.
Tender Notification No: GHC/Diet Food- ReTender/03/2025-26/E-42695 Date:28.03.2026
Quality food items and good quality bread for the year 2026-27
Double Cover System website :www.kppp.Karnataka.gov.in. Details: (1) Tender Notification No: GHC/Diet Food- ReTender/03/2025-26/E-42695 **(2)** Date of Obtaining E-Portal Tender Documents in the website: **Date:28.03.2026 (3)** Last Date of Obtaining E- Portal Tender Documents in the Website: **Date:10.04.2026. (4)** Last Date for uploading E- Portal Tender Documents in the Website: **Within:4.30:PM, On:10.04.2026 (5)** Technical Bid Opening Date: **Date:15.04.2026, 11:00AM (6)** Finacial Bid Opening **Date: Date:17.04.2026,11:00AM (7)** EMD: Annexure-1 EMD Diclaration form with signed copy **1.Diet food Item and bread**, Rs: 2,70,000-00 **(8)** Officer inviting Place and Phone No: Administrative Medical Officer General Hospital, Chintamani, Chikkaballapur District 08154-450758. **Note: Tender and Conditions are attached in the Tender form.**
Sd/- Administrative Medical Officer General Hospital, Chintamani, Chikkaballapur District
DIPR/CHIKKABALLAPURA/R.O.NO:514/KSMCA/2026-27

KPC GAS POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Subsidiary of Karnataka Power Corporation Ltd.,)
Yelahanka Combined Cycle Power Plant
CIN: U40102KA1996SGC020337
No.: KPCL/2025-26/IND2542 **Date: 24.03.2026**
ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION
(Two Cover System) (Through KPP Portal Only)
KPCL invites sealed bids through KPP Portal: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from the Manufacturer Authorized Dealer of UF Membranes for the **"Procurement of UF Membranes for ZLD at Yelahanka Combined Cycle Power Plant".** Corrigendum/addendum/Modification/ Corrections/ Recall to the tender, if any, will be published in the e-procurement website only.
Further details can be had from the **Executive Engineer (MSP& Safety)Y, Yelahanka Combined Cycle Power Plant, KPC Gas Power Corporation Ltd., Doddaballapur Road, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-560 119.** Mobile: **90350 01693.** Email: **eemspyccppkpcl@karnataka.gov.in,** Alternate email: **eemspyelahanka@gmail.com** Website: **https://kpcl.karnataka.gov.in**

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
(SIGNAL & TELECOMMUNICATION WORKSHOP)
PODANUR
E-Tender
For and on behalf of the president of India, The Chief Workshop Manager, Signal and Telecommunication Workshop, Podanur, Coimbatore - 641023, invites E-Tender for the following works as per Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) in the portal **www.ireps.gov.in** Tenderers / Contractors intending to apply for the tender needs to get enrolled in the portal **www.ireps.gov.in** and only online tenders will be accepted. The Bid Security deposit should be made through online payment gateway or through available modes as mentioned in Tender document.
Corrigendum Notice - 1 to Tender Notice
No. SGW - S - 203 - HDG - 599956 - 25 / 2 dated.17.03.2026

1.	Name of work	Hot dip Galvanizing with Shot /Sand Blasting for Ground connections of IRS point machine 143 mm stroke, 220 mm stroke. Cable Clamp Assembly for Sleepers & Bridge clamp assembly for sleepers for S&T Workshop, Podanur for a period of one year
2.	Existing Date and time of closing of tender.	15.00 Hrs of 01.04.2026
3.	Modified Date and time of closing of tender.	10.15 Hrs of 04.04.2026
4.	Website particulars	www.ireps.gov.in

For further details, visit office of the Chief Workshop Manager, Signal and Telecommunication workshop, Podanur, Coimbatore-641023.
Dy.CSTE / S&T / PTJ
For Chief Workshop Manager, S&T Workshop, Podanur

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(Government of Karnataka)
RURAL WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION DEPARTMENT HASSAN DIVISION HASSAN
Phone No.08172-261640 Email
Id:eerdwsd.hsn@gmail.com
TWO COVER SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO: 08/2025-26 DATED : 27.03.2026
On Behalf Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Hassan Division Hassan. Has Invited the Tender for the works of Arsikere Taluk Approved under 2025-26 MVS O & M Mention Below, Two Cover System works Arsikere Taluk -01 Work(General Category) Above work tenders are invited in Two cover system in KPP portal. The tender details are available in www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in From 27.03.2026 After 5.30P.m. The bidder should submitted the tender with in the dated: 22.04.2026 before 5-30 P.M. On Dated:04.04.2026 The Pre-bid Meeting will be conducted in this office, Interested Contractor may participated. Venue : Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Department, ZillaPanchyath Building, N.R,Circle Hassan. The Technical bid will open on dated:24.04.2026 after 11.00 A.M. The Financial bid of the Technically qualified bidder will be open on dated: 27.04.2026 after 11.00A.M. The Executive Engineer has reserved the rights of to cancel all tender or any one tender without giving any reason.
Sd/- Executive Engineer Rural drinking water and sanitation Dept, Hassan division, Hassan.
ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಹಿಸನಿ/ಹಾಸನ/1241/ಕೆಎಸ್.ಎಂಸಿಎ/2026–27

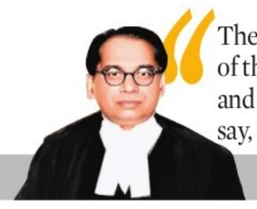
CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED
(A Govt. of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Hemavathy Canal Division, Yediyur-572 142. Ph: 7338590199
E-mail:eeyediyur1@gmail.com
No.21/2025-26 **Date: 24.03.2026**
KPPP SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(TWO COVER SYSTEM) (Through KPPP only)
On the behalf of the Managing Director, CNNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer, CNNL, Hemavathi Canal. Division, Yediyur the undersigned invites tender on item rate basis from contractors for 2 Works.
The Maximum amount put to tender is 394.77 lakhs & Minimum amount put to tender is 286.53 lakhs.
The Time Fixed for completion the work is 05 Months.
EMD Amount and Processing fees should be paid through KPP Portal. The last date for tender Queries/ Clarifications is 30.03.2026 up to 4.00 pm, The last date for Receival of tenders along with EMD'S is 04.04.2026 up to 4:00 pm. Technical Bid will be opened on 06.04.2026 at 11.00 Am.
For more information contact www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in.
Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Hemavathy Canal Division, CNNL, Yediyur.
DIPR/TUM/524/KSMCA/2025-26

PUBLIC NOTICE
ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068
The following borrower(s) has/have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest towards the Loan facility(ies) availed from ICICI Bank. The Loan(s) has/have been classified as Non-Performing Asset(s) (NPA).
A Notice was issued to them under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, at their last known addresses. However, it has not been served and are therefore being notified by way of this Public Notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Description of Secured Asset to be enforced	Date of Notice sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Induru Venkateswarlu/ Induru Lakshmi Prasanna/ Madaraju Gudurukakupalle Nellore Nellore - 524346/ LBNEL00005707553/ LBNEL00005707664	A- Schedule S. P. S. R. Nellore District, Gudur Registration District, Sullurpet Sub-Registrar Office, Sullurpet Revenue Mandal, Sullurpet Village, Sriharikota By-pass Road Towards Eastern Side, Patta No. 102, Sy. No. 34 -15 A, 34 -16A, 34 -17A, Consisting of Ac. 0.48 ½ Cents, In It Near Door No. 8 - 204/3 Towards Northern Side Extent of 88 Ankannas 42.75sq Fts 708.79 Sq. Yards of Vacant Site Bounded By: East : House, Vacant Site Belongs To Govada Rupa Suguna Lavanya Kumari In These Side Measurements- 46' 00" South : 13 Link Width Joint Passage Site In These Side Measurements -87'-50" West : Sriharikota By-Pass Road In These Side Measurements-80'-00" North : Shop Vacant Site Belongs To Aythya Sujatha In These Side Measurements-115'-00" Within These Boundaries An Extent 88 Ankannas 42.75sq Fts or 708.75 Sq. Yards or 3 Ankanams 39.15 Sq. Ft. of Site, In It An Undivided Share An Extent of 28.35 Sq Yrds of Site And Including With All Easement Rights Appurtenant Thereto. B- Schedule In The Above A-schedule Total Extent 88 Ankannas 42.75sq Fts or 708.75 Sq. Yards, Sullurpet Gram Panchayath Date 06.10.2008 B.A.No73/2008-09 In It Built A Residential Apartment Namely "Ashok Towers Apartment", In It Fourth Floor, In It Flat No. 501 Related To Municipality Bill Receipt Shar Road Door No 2-2-11/21 Assessment No 1152000184 Measuring 960 Sq. Ft. of R. C. C. Slab Flat Including With Common Area, Etc.. Bounded By: East: Common Corridor South: Open To Sky West: Open To Sky North: Flat No. 502 Within These Boundaries An Extent of 960 Sq. Ft. of R. C. C. Slab Flat Including With Common Area Therein, For This Flat Fixed Doors, Door Frames, Windows, Ceiling Materials, One Feet Site, Current Service, Meter, Security Deposit, Electrical Fittings, Wiring, Latrine, Bathroom, Four Sided Compound Walls, Hand Pump, Etc.., With Common Amenities And Facilities Joint Right, Along With All Easement Rights Appurtenant 88 Ankannas 42.75sqfts or 708.75sqyrds In These Flat Dhamasha 3 Ankannas 39.15 Sq Fts or 29.35 Sq Yrds Plot No 501 Stilt Floors 100 Sq Fts Car Parking Area With All The Join Common Ammentities And Facilities.	20.02.2026 Rs. 43,82,771.00/-	06.07. 2022
2.	Modi Suresh Babu/modi Ramadasu/12-230/1 Near Community Hall, Sullurupeta Mandal Sulluru (Sullurpeta),Nellore Sullurupeta, Nellore Sri Potti Sriramulu Nellore Andhra Pradesh Nellore - 524121/ LBNEL00006303862/ TBNEL00006271722	Schedule of The Property: - S.P.S.R. Nellore District, Gudur Registration District, Sullurpet Subregistrar Office, Sullurpet Revenue Mandal, Sullurpet Gram Panchayat, Sullurpet Village, Nagarajapuram Harizanawada Area, Sy. No.94-2 of Lands In It Measuring 266.33 Sq. Yards of Site. In It Door No. 13-68/1, Assessment No.4582. Current Service No.4107 of Slab House & Cement Sheets Varanda, Etc., Bounded By East: Gram Panchayat Road South: Gram Panchayat Road West: House, Vacant Site Belongs To Palli Doraswamy North: Vacant Site Belongs To Valapula Kannaiah Within These Boundaries Vacant Site Measurements: Eastern Direction — North-South -34 Ft., or 10.36 Mts., Southern Direction - East- West - 70 1/2 Ft., or 21.488 Mts., Western Direction — North- South —34 Ft., or 10.36 Mts., Northern Direction — East- West -70 1/2 Ft., or21.488 Mts. Within These Boundaries An Extent of 2397 Sq. Ft., or 266.33 Sq. Yards or 222.654 Sq. Mts. or 33 Ankanams 21 Sq. Ft. of Vacant Site, In It 672 Sq. Ft. of Slab House, 378 Sq. Ft. of Country Tiles Varanda Therein, For This House Fixed Doors, Door Frames, Windows, Ceiling Materials, One Feet Site, Current Service, Meter, Security Deposit, Electrical Fittings, Wiring, Latrine, Bathroom, Four Sided Compound Walls, Hand Pump. Etc., Including With All Easement Rights Appurtenant Thereto	25.02.2026 Rs. 35,33,480.00/-	27.08. 2023

These steps are being taken for substituted service of Notice. The above borrower/s and/or guarantor/s (as applicable) is/are advised to make the outstanding payment within 60 days from the date of publishing this Notice. Else, further steps will be taken as per the provisions of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.
Date: April 01, 2026
Place: Bangalore
Sincerely Authorised Officer, For ICICI Bank Ltd.

EDITORIAL



"The right to social justice may be defined as the right of the weak, aged, destitute, poor women, children and other underprivileged persons to the protection, say, sought against the ruthless competition of life

Justice K Subba Rao

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— Ramnath Goenka

WIDENING SHORTAGES, RISING COSTS DISRUPT ECONOMIC MOMENTUM

INTERNATIONAL supply chains are immensely sophisticated lattice-works. If one part is disrupted, the effect rippling across can be intense and chaotic. The expanding conflict in the Persian Gulf has highlighted this reality by not just disrupting oil and gas supplies, but by affecting hundreds of downstream products—chemicals derived from petroleum that are used to manufacture everyday and high-tech products that include fertilisers, pharmaceuticals and semiconductors as much as detergents, dyes and plastics. For Asian countries, the supply of many of these products is either severely restricted or on the slow lane as they make their way eastwards around the Cape of Good Hope. For India, the spiralling effect of jammed tankers and shut airports is severe.

Among the sectors the depleting gas reserves are affecting are restaurants and hotels, large employers in a job-starved India. As more units shut down partly or fully, migrant workers powering their kitchens are filing back home. An estimated three-fifths of the workers in Gujarat's ceramics hub Morbi have returned home as the propane that fires the kilns is in short supply. Energy shortages have forced Surat's vibrant textile units to operate only five days a week. India's urea production has dropped by a fourth in March. Though the government is rightly advising calm to avoid panic and hoarding, domestic LPG cylinders are being sold on the black market at many times the official price.

Like some other nations, India has held on to its fuel prices at the pump by slashing excise rates. This might change dramatically if the war drags on, which it is showing signs of, once the election season gets over at the end of April. Once the pump rates begin to increase, the rising inflation and falling rupee would act as severe drags on GDP growth that was earlier expected at 7.2-7.4 percent for the next fiscal. The options to mitigate the shortages are few. However, urgent steps need to be taken to stretch out the energy resources by ensuring a more even distribution of fuel and cooking gas, and preventing panic buying. Rationing may be the last recourse. If this indeed ends up being a disruption similar to the pandemic, we must come together in the same spirit of helping and sharing.

HOLD HIGHER OFFICIALS LIABLE FOR HOSPITAL FIRE

IT has been a fortnight since a deadly fire at the SCB Medical College and Hospital in Cuttack snuffed out the lives of 12 patients. Ever since, the Odisha Assembly has been in a limbo with the opposition demanding the resignation of Health Minister Mukesh Mahaling. The fire at the state's largest government hospital was a tragedy that clearly exposed the lack of preparedness in handling a challenge of this magnitude. On that fateful night, the dozen-odd patients admitted to the hospital's intensive care unit had little chance of escape once the blaze started because most of them were on ventilators or oxygen supplies. However, a larger catastrophe was avoided as fire fighters and other agencies managed to contain the flames to the first floor of the four-storey building, where over 100 patients were lodged.

The government's initial response was knee-jerk—suspending low-ranking fire and electricity officials based on a fact-finding team's report hours after a judicial commission of inquiry was ordered. A few days later, it quietly shuffled some supervisory officials of the medical college without linking them to the mishap.

Fire safety at SCB Medical College was under the Orissa High Court's scrutiny. The fire services directorate had submitted an affidavit detailing the safety equipment installed and structural changes made in 2024. It also completed safety audits of 2,210 out of the state's 2,215 healthcare establishments. At SCB Medical College, all the 85 buildings were assessed. It was the health department's responsibility to ensure they were adequately equipped—by moving the administrative machinery, if needed.

A decade back, when a deadly fire at a private hospital in Bhubaneswar had killed over 20 patients, the BJP—then in opposition—had called for the health minister's dismissal. The BJD government had to bow to the pressure and sacrifice the minister. Now that the tables have turned, the ruling BJP has decided to wait it out instead of walking its earlier talk. Heads should have rolled after the SCB mishap, but the government is mindful that any action on health department officials would also point at the minister's accountability. Amid this impasse, crucial legislative hours in the state assembly have been washed out by the opposition's relentless protests.

QUICK TAKE

STORIES FOR CHILDREN

A well-minded initiative recently started with *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*. Usha Chilukuri Vance launched *Storytime with the Second Lady,* a podcast to promote literacy among children, with the reading of Beatrix Potter's 1901 classic. Her effort comes less than half a year after it was found that child literacy rates in the US had fallen to their lowest in two decades. While the decline in America follows a longer-term trend there, reading habits of children suffered worldwide during the pandemic. Despite its deep heritage in children's tales and storytelling, India has few podcasts aimed at young children. A designated hour of stories on radio or a pod can go a long way in promoting the love for books. Now is as good a time to start as any.

By talking about a converted Scheduled Caste member's eligibility for statutory benefits, the Supreme Court waded into a constitutional question and ignored reality. A larger bench should address the issue

GOING BEYOND THE BRIEF ON CONVERSION

KALEESWARAM RAJ

Lawyer, Supreme Court of India

MANDAR PARDIKAR

THE Supreme Court's recent verdict on conversion and reservation will have far-reaching consequences. According to the judgement in *Chinthada Anand*, on conversion to another religion except Buddhism and Sikhism, a Scheduled Caste member would stand to lose her entitlements in that capacity. The court also clarified that for Scheduled Tribes members, there is no automatic loss of status on conversion.

Caste is a constant that's always decided by birth. The discrimination meted out to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in India is a historical reality that the Constitution tried to tackle. In such a society, any rhetoric on equality could turn futile in the absence of positive efforts to compensate for the agonies of long-term injustice. This is the rationale behind beneficial measures like reservation.

The facts of *Chinthada Anand* are curious. The appellant, a pastor for about 15 years, alleged that prior to his conversion he belonged to the Madiga community, a Scheduled Caste in Andhra Pradesh. He admittedly professed and propagated Christianity ever since his conversion. The main question in the case was whether the offences allegedly committed on him would attract provisions of the 1989 statute for prevention of atrocities against SC/ST individuals.

The Andhra Pradesh High Court rightly answered it in the negative and quashed the case. The Supreme Court confirmed the high court judgement. The offences alleged under the Indian Penal Code were also found untenable. Thus, the accused were exonerated.

The apex court was correct in holding that a converted person cannot prosecute a case on the premise that despite the conversion, he can invoke the penal statute meant to deal with crimes against people belonging to SC or ST communities. Such a prosecution would be clearly illegitimate, and the liberty of others cannot depend upon such a fiction. Individual liberty always requires an interpretation that favours it.

But in *Chinthada Anand*, the court clearly exceeded the brief and travelled much beyond what it was called upon to decide. It said, "The loss of [Scheduled caste] status carries with it the automatic and immediate termination of all eligibility for statutory benefits, protections, reservations, preferences and entitlements that are predicated upon or flow from such membership regardless of birth."

In a case pertaining to the quashing of criminal proceedings, the parties are not supposed to deal with the issues relating to reservation or other benefits for Scheduled Caste members. Such benefits also were not in issue in the case. The considerations for quashing a criminal case and deciding on compensatory discrimination are different and distinct. The former pertains to the nature of allegations in each case, while the latter needs a constitutional scrutiny of the aspects placed before the court in a more comprehensive way. When no issues of reservation or other similar entitlements arose in the case, the court ought not to have decided the question of reservation *in abstractum*. But it did so, wrongly.

The basis of the court's pronouncement over the entitlements is the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950. Clause 3 of the order, as amended twice, says, "No person who possesses a religion different from the Hindu, the Sikh or the Buddhist religion shall be deemed a Scheduled Caste."

Though this clause might appear categorical, as held by the court, constitutional adjudication, unlike in a criminal appeal, would call for a deeper examination of the impact of conversion on Scheduled Caste members. The interpretive process in constitutional adjudication happens on a wider canvas that can go beyond the plain meaning of the words in the 1950 order. American Judge Learned Hand famously said, "There is no surer way to misread any document than to read it literally."

Researchers Pallavi Radhakrishnan and Sandra Sajeev recently published a paper, '*Beyond Caste: A Review on the Psychological and Social Dimensions of Dalit Conversions to other Religions and the Formation of New Social Identities in Modern India*' (2025). They analysed studies conducted during 2000-2025 and noted the "psychological reconstruction" and "increased literacy rate and employment prospects" brought by conversion. Yet, they found "continued disadvantages tied to a history of caste, even after conversion". They concluded that "conversion alone cannot demolish the deeply rooted structures of caste-based discrimination".

Quite a few studies expose the folly of the idea that conversion instantly erases the birth marks of an individual. But the court in *Chinthada Anand* followed the abrupt declaration in *C M Arumugam* (1975) that "once... a person ceases to be a Hindu and becomes a Christian, the social and economic disabilities arising because of Hindu religion cease, and hence it is no longer necessary to give him protection and for this reason he is deemed not to belong to a Scheduled Caste".

But the issue is not that simple. The question of impact of conversion was not even a point of deliberation in Chinthada Anand's appeal. That the text of the 1950 Constitution Order was under challenge before the Supreme Court in the *Centre for Public Interest Litigation* case was not taken note of. Also, the court failed to note that because of the continuing underdevelopment of the Scheduled Castes despite conversion, the Justice Ranganath Misra Commission in 2007 recommended withdrawal of Clause 3 of the Constitution Order, thereby proposing extension of reservation to such deserving candidates who embrace Christianity or Islam. In India, the non-Indic religions are not free from caste bias and prejudices, as noted in several reports. The Justice K G Balakrishnan Commission appointed in 2022 is supposed to table its findings on the impact of conversion on Dalits without further delay.

All these significant aspects escaped the court's scrutiny since it was essentially dealing with a criminal appeal. By ignoring them, the court became unmindful of the social realities and deprived of the constitutional tools to scan them. Again, the focus of adjudication was the bare text of the Constitution Order and the act of conversion. A religious view of the matter cannot be a substitute for an adjudication based on constitutional morality.

The court, thus, reached a hasty conclusion that was not expected in the case. The result is embarrassing. Therefore, the matter of entitlements of those who convert requires reconsideration by a Constitution Bench, along with the case that challenges the concerned Constitution Order.

(Views are personal)
(kaleeswaramraj@gmail.com)

THE ENVIRONMENTAL COST OF WARS

K N NINAN

Former Professor, ISEC, Bengaluru and Lead Author, GEO-7, UNEP Nairobi

IT is ironic that mankind spends billions of dollars to search for life on other planets, but blows up trillions in killing life on Earth. The ongoing wars are leaving a heavy trail of destruction with lakhs of people killed, injured or displaced. But the immediate and cumulative impacts of wars are also borne by the built and natural environments.

The atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945 caused immense loss of lives and property. Over two lakh people perished and tens of thousands were maimed or afflicted with radiation-induced lifelong diseases like cancer and deformities. The toxic gases released by the explosion contaminated ecosystems, land and water, affecting plants and animals alike.

US President Harry Truman, who ordered the bombing, justified his decision on the ground that it was to hasten the end of the Second World War and save American lives. At that time, critics asked whether Asian lives don't matter. A similar question is being asked about the Persian Gulf now.

During the Vietnam war (1961-1975), the US used the herbicide Agent Orange and napalm bombs to flush out, maim or kill Viet Cong guerrillas who hid in mangroves and swamps. One report suggests that about 4 lakh tonnes of napalm bombs and 75 million litres of herbicides were used to create intense infernos and decimate vast swathes of Vietnam's forests, mangroves and rice fields. Virtually all living organisms from large mammals to fish, birds and earthworms were affected and food chains were disrupted for years. The prolonged war led to soil degradation, contamination of water courses, loss of biodiversity, spread of invasive species and hydrological changes, many of which continue to linger despite the lapse of decades.

A 2024 study led by Professor Daniel Hryhorczuk on the environmental impacts of Russia's war in Ukraine notes that apart from the loss of over 5 lakh human lives and displacement of more than a crore people, the war imposed a heavy cost on Ukraine's environment with damages estimated at over $56.4 billion.

Apart from widespread chemical contamination of air, water and soil, about 30 percent of Ukraine now has landmines and unexploded ordnance. Landscape destruction, shelling, wildfires, deforestation and pollution have adversely affected 30 percent of Ukraine's protected areas. Russia's seizure of the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant and destruction of the Nova Kakhovka dam pose risks of long-term environmental catastrophe. Most of these impacts threaten human health.

The ongoing wars are a massive setback to the hard-wrought Paris Agreement's goals of restricting global temperature rise to 1.5-2°C above pre-industrial levels. The Initiative on Greenhouse Gas Accounting of War estimates that due to the military operations, fires, higher fuel consumption and destruction of energy and other infrastructure, the first four years of the Russia-Ukraine war have emitted about 311 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent, with damages from this alone estimated at over $57 billion.

AFP

Apart from an immediate toll in human lives, wars affect generations down the line by damaging natural and built environments. Some environmental impacts of the chemicals the US used in Vietnam are still being felt. The Russia-Ukraine conflict and the US-Israel war on Iran pose the threat of nuclear contamination too

Right now, the attacks and counter-attacks in the Gulf region are causing immense damage to the energy infrastructure. The infernos caused by bombing oil refineries have led to contamination of air, land and water. 'Black rain' has already affected Tehran, where many residents have reported breathing problems.

The International Atomic Energy Agency has confirmed that Israeli-US attacks have damaged some of Iran's nuclear assets, sparking fears of radiation risk in the wider region. The sinking of an Iranian frigate near Sri Lanka and damage to other ships including oil tankers in the war zone threatens marine ecosystems and biodiversity due to oil spills, release of hazardous cargo and metal contamination that can threaten coastal ecosystems and livelihoods for years to come.

The war has already extracted a heavy price on heritage sites in Iran and Lebanon. Despite Unesco's appeals to Israel and the US countries to exclude these areas from destruction, many globally recognised places have suffered severe damages. This includes the 400-year-old Qajar-era Golestan Palace in Tehran, the 17th-century Chehel Sotoun palace and the Jama masjid in Isfahan. Buildings close to the famed Khorramabad Valley, noteworthy for its prehistoric caves and rock shelter dating to 63,000 BC, also suffered damages.

Iran—like India, Egypt, Iraq and Greece—boasts of an ancient civilisation dating back millenniums. During the Iraq invasion in 2003 and later, the US forces caused extensive damage to the ancient Babylon city, which housed one of the wonders of the ancient world. Yet, when the Taliban destroyed the sixth-century Bamiyan Buddha statues in Afghanistan not long before in 2001, the world including the US had expressed outrage. Now, there is stoic silence behind the erosion of millenniums of cultural progress—which is a betrothal to generations to come.

A witty retort often attributed to Mahatma Gandhi makes the point pithily. When asked by a reporter about his opinion on Western civilisation, he supposedly replied: "It's a good idea." When the law of the jungle reigns, it's civilisation that recedes. What's happening in West Asia right now is nothing short of such a giant leap backwards.

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Minorities' anxiety

Ref: *Study on minorities* (Mar 31). The study committee includes retired bureaucrat Shatrughan Singh, who headed the state UCC drafting team and implemented it despite vehement opposition. Him being an advisor to the CM rightly leads to Muslims' apprehension about the outcome. Moreover, the timing remains suspicious.
Jayachandran C, Chennai

Road culture

Ref: *Understand to improve* (Mar 31). Rising accidents involving underage drivers demand more than stricter rules. Without age-specific data and deeper study of adolescent risky behaviour, policy will remain reactive. Only informed interventions, not punitive reflexes, can foster responsible road culture.
Babu Krishna, Bengaluru

Military mayhem

Ref: *Replacing peace dividend* (Mar 31). The author makes a point that rarely gets heard above the noise—higher military spending does not automatically translate into greater security. The post-Cold War peace dividend was real, and its quiet reversal deserves more public scrutiny. Guns-or-butter is not an abstract choice. It shows up in hospitals, schools and inflation figures.
M Barathi, Bengaluru

Congress analysis

Ref: *A high-voltage street theatre* (Mar 31). Fact remains that the Congress misses opportunity when it knocks on its door due to its internal fighting, lack of skill, and inactive or overactive leadership. It also happened in Haryana, where everyone thought it would win. Instead of analysing its lacunae, the party finds satisfaction in unsubstantiated allegations.
Jitendranath Guru, Padampur

Fighting Naxals

Ref: *India is now Naxal-free* (Mar 31). The Modi government can claim it as its biggest achievement, especially when compared with previous governments who were forced to wring their hands in despair. Luckily, Tamil Nadu was spared of this menace due to the MGR-backed anti-Naxal drive in the 1980s.
N Balakrishnan, Chennai

Learning opportunity

Ref: *'Scale up drone production, cut imports'* (Mar 31). On-ground decision-making speed is directly proportional to the availability of key technologies. The recent conflicts between countries are keys to rethink and fill deficiencies in India's armed forces.
Ravi Nair, Palakkad

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Sanjay Jha @JhaSanjay
If they truly want to restore the SS glory, can Shinde patch up with the Thackeray's even now? With the Congress chipping in, the BJP can still be in the opposition.

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
The BJP, in its obsession with benefiting its cronies and associates, is crushing every single shopkeeper and household in Kashi's Dal Mandi.

Amit Malviya @amitmalviya
Bengal is not a fiefdom. We are not subjects. It is time to rise, to roar, and to reject this tyranny of incompetence. Power resides with the people.

FCRA bill in Lok Sabha today as Oppn plans massive protest

Christian organisations worry the law could be used against them during Kerala elections

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

AMID fierce objections from opposition parties and various civil society organisations, Lok Sabha may take up the controversial Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Bill for passage on Wednesday.

According to the revised list of business of Lok Sabha for April 1, the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Bill 2026 will be moved by Union Home Minister Amit Shah for further passage in the Assembly.

The bill has sparked a row, as the proposed amendment gives the Centre the power to appoint a designated authority which can control funds and assets when the FCRA certificate is cancelled or surrendered.

This control extends even to assets that are only partly funded through foreign contributions. The authority is empowered to supervise, manage, and maintain these assets. According to the statement of objects and reasons, the proposed law seeks to provide timelines for receipt and utilisation under prior permission. It provides for the cessation of the certificate, regulates the handling of assets during suspension, rationalises penalties and requires prior approval of the central government for the initiation of investigation.

The proposed amendments have drawn sharp criticism from the opposition and NGOs, who termed it as draconian and anti-constitutional. While there is widespread concern that granting sweeping powers to authorities could lead to arbitrary exercise, the government defends the bill, asserting it is "dangerous" for those who engage in forced religious conversion using foreign contributions, as well as for individuals who abuse foreign funding for personal gain.

With the Kerala elections round the corner, the bill has sparked concerns that it could be used against churches, schools and hospitals run by minority communities. In a memorandum submitted to Amit Shah on Tuesday, the Catholic Bishops Conference of India (CBCI) said that the proposed amendment, while intended to strengthen regulatory oversight, raises serious concerns about constitutional balance, civil society freedom, and the future of charitable service in India.

The memorandum has also urged MPs to seek referral of the bill to a parliamentary standing committee.

"Ensure that administrative lapses do not lead to disproportionate penalties such as asset seizure. Introduce clear safeguards to uphold due process and judicial oversight and protect the autonomy of charitable, educational, and faith-based institutions," it said.

The establishment of an independent appellate authority is essential to ensure impartial adjudication and effective redressal of grievances, it said.

Blatantly unconstitutional law, says Venugopal

BJP is planning to bulldoze the FCRA amendments in Parliament, at a time when the Congress and opposition parties are in the midst of an intense election season, said Congress leader K C Venugopal. "This is an unconstitutional law, which will destroy NGOs and community organisations—especially those run by minorities. We will not allow the BJP to arm-twist honest philanthropic institutions," he said.

'Oppn spreading falsehoods': Govt defends move

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

UNION Minister of Parliamentary Affairs Kiren Rijiju on Tuesday criticised the Opposition for spreading falsehoods about the FCRA Bill, describing their statements as "false and baseless".

He asserted that the FCRA Amendment Bill is intended solely to prevent the misuse of foreign funding against national security and interests and not to target any religious organisation. Speaking to reporters at the BJP headquarters, Rijiju said the bill is "the need of the hour".

He also criticised Congress, stating that the party's claims regarding the bill are "completely false, fabricated and misleading". It may be recalled that a bill to amend the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act was introduced in the Lok Sabha on March 25. The government clarified that individuals engaging in forced religious conversion through foreign funding would not be spared.

Rijiju further alleged that Left parties and Congress are spreading misinformation because they fear the BJP gaining significant public support.

IAF to plug high-altitude surveillance gaps with ₹2K cr mountain radar deal

JAVARIA RANA @ New Delhi

THE Defence Ministry on Tuesday inked a ₹1,950-crore deal with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) for two indigenous mountain radars to plug critical gaps in air surveillance along high-altitude frontiers.

Designed by the Electronics and Radar Development Establishment under the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and to be manufactured by BEL under the Buy (Indian-IDDM) category, the deal covers fixed- and medium-power systems, associated equipment, and forward-deployment infrastructure.

It has been learnt that radars will be deployed at Gulmarg in Jammu and Kashmir and Pfütsero in Nagaland, targeting vulnerable stretches along India's northern and northeastern borders.

"The installation and commissioning of these radars will boost the country's air defence and strengthen national security. The procurement will also reduce dependency on foreign equipment," the government said.

Sources said the radars address a long-standing gap in India's mountainous terrain. "In the high-altitude sector, ridgelines and deep valleys create radar shadow zones exploitable by low-flying fighters, drones, and cruise missiles. These fixed, forward-deployed radars are meant to plug these gaps by detecting small radar cross-section targets that evade existing coverage."

In air defence, radars are part of a wider sensor network alongside airborne early warning systems, aerostats, and space-based inputs, feeding into command and control systems for real-time response. These radars will also fill the gap between low-level and long-range systems, offering sustained coverage in terrain-masked zones where existing radars face limitations, particularly against low-flying drones and cruise missiles.

The Indian Air Force operates a layered surveillance grid feeding into its Integrated Air Command and Control System (IACCS) to generate a real-time air picture. Key systems in service include the Rohini 3D medium-range radar (150 km class), the Arudhra medium-power AESA radar with a range of up to 400 km, and the Ashwini low-level, transportable radar for detecting low-flying targets, including UAVs.

Ongoing conflicts in West Asia and Ukraine have underlined the growing challenge posed by low-flying drones and precision-guided munitions that can evade conventional radar coverage. India has been working for over a decade to address surveillance blind spots along mountainous borders, particularly after repeated assessments flagged gaps in low-altitude detection in sectors.

No NAAC accreditation for colleges in 1 year as bodies remain headless

S LALITHA @ New Delhi

THE move to create a simpler, more transparent accreditation system has led to major delays for higher education institutions across the country. Not a single university or college has received fresh accreditation for the current academic year, which is now nearing completion. This certification from the National Assessment and Accreditation Council plays an important role in how students choose colleges.

Multiple senior education officials confirmed this glaring lacuna in the higher education sector. A senior education official assured that the revamped accreditation process would restart in a couple of months.

Under the Viksit Bharat Shiksha Adhishthan Bill, a new Accreditation Council will supervise agencies across states, rather than the Bengaluru-based National Assessment and Accreditation Council handling the process alone. A senior education official said, "We had planned on starting the new accreditation system by July 2025 and had announced that in April, too. However, the transition to the new system has taken us much longer than anticipated. Since the framework is being laid for a new system, we want it to be robust. Hence, we have discussed it with more than 5,000 educationists"

"While we had given accreditation for 1,790 HEIs in the 2023-2024 academic year, we received requests for accreditation from 2,300 institutions for 2024-2025. Hence, a decision was taken to complete granting accreditation for them before we offer accreditations under the new system," the official added.

Another official said, "The CBI inquiry into the corruption allegations against ten NAAC members who were arrested in February 2025 over bribery allegations for granting a favourable A++ accreditation for the Koneru Lakshmaiah Education Foundation at Guntur district in Andhra Pradesh was a major setback for us. This also took up some of our time."

Prof V N Varghese, former Vice Chancellor of NIEPA, said, "Many private institutions use accreditation as a marketing strategy. In 2014, the UGC had introduced a rule that universities funded by it must have accreditation for the funding to be continued."

Under the new system, universities will only know whether they are accredited.

'Less than 20% of the 50,000-odd colleges'

According to data published by NAAC, a total of 509 universities and 7,783 colleges across the country have been accredited as of August 14, 2025. Additionally, 290 autonomous colleges have been granted them. This translates to less than 20% of the 50,000-odd colleges and roughly 40% of the 1,170 universities across the country.

New I&B secy in bureaucratic reshuffle

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

IN a significant bureaucratic reshuffle, the Centre on Tuesday appointed Chanchal Kumar as Secretary in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I&B) and Vir Vikram Yadav as Director General of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), with both officers assuming charge immediately.

Chanchal Kumar, a 1992-batch IAS officer of the Bihar cadre, moves from his current role as Secretary of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), replacing Sanjay Jaju, who has been reassigned to head DoNER. Vir Vikram Yadav, an Odisha cadre IAS officer, takes over as DGCA from Faiz Ahmed Kidwai, who will now serve as Additional Secretary in the Department of Personnel and Training .The reshuffle, approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), also covers several other key ministries and departments at the secretary, additional secretary, and director general levels.

Rohit Kansal, currently Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Textiles, has been appointed Secretary in the Department of Rural Development, reflecting the government's focus on strengthening leadership in rural development initiatives. Bhuvnesh Kumar, Chief Executive Officer of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), has been named Secretary in the Ministry of Tourism, while Srivatsa Krishna, the outgoing Tourism Secretary, moves to the Ministry of Minority Affairs. These appointments are part of a broader effort to ensure administrative continuity and support policy implementation across critical government functions.

At the additional secretary level, several officers have also been reassigned to key roles.

Chanchal Kumar

Kumar, a 1992-batch IAS officer of Bihar cadre

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Sanjay Lohiya, currently Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Mines, has been appointed Special Secretary in the Department of Financial Services under the Finance Ministry and will take over as Secretary following superannuation of the incumbent, Nagaraju Maddirala, on May 31.

Diwakar Nath Mishra, presently Additional Secretary in the Department of Revenue under the Ministry of Finance, has been appointed Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Power. Mona K. Khandar has been posted as Additional Secretary in the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, while Gyanendra D. Tripathi has been appointed Additional Secretary in the Department of Agricultural Research and Education and will also serve as Secretary of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare.

Other appointments include Vishal Gagan as Secretary of the Central Information Commission, N Gulzar, currently Additional Secretary in the Department of Telecommunications, as Member Secretary of the NCR Planning Board in the rank of Additional Secretary, and Abhishek Singh, presently Director General of the National Informatics Centre, as Director General of the National Testing Agency under the Ministry of Education.

Narendra Bhooshan, a 1992-batch IAS officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre, has been appointed Secretary in the Department of Land Resources, while Tejveer Singh, a 1994-batch IAS officer of the Punjab cadre, has been named Secretary in the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, replacing Nivedita Shukla Verma, who has been reassigned as Secretary in the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances with additional charge of the Department of Pensions and Pensioners' Welfare.

Gaps galore in AI ambitions, reveals House panel

VISMAY BASU @ New Delhi

INDIA'S artificial intelligence ambitions are rapidly moving from policy vision to measurable economic promise. But a new report by the standing committee on communications and IT makes it clear that the journey from intent to impact remains uneven.

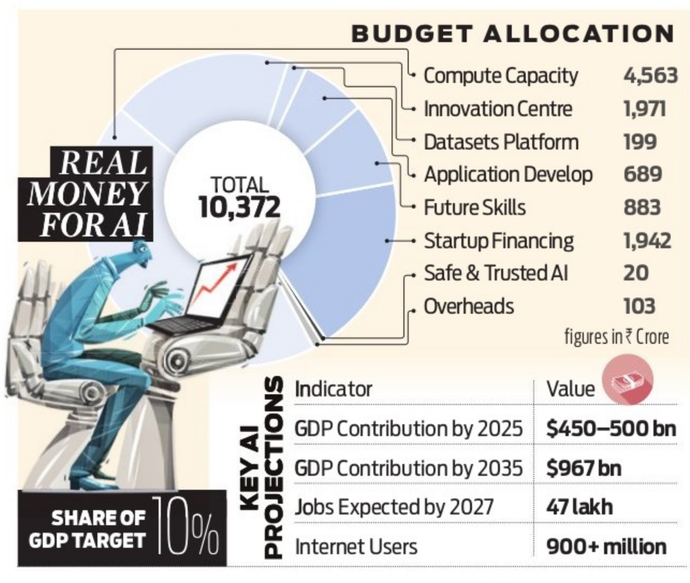
The report, tabled this week, projects that AI could have contributed as much as $500 billion to India's GDP by 2025, rising sharply to $967 billion by 2035. That would account for nearly a tenth of the country's $5 trillion economy target. Alongside this, AI is expected to generate nearly 47 lakh new technology jobs by 2027.

At the heart of this push is the ₹10,371.92 crore IndiaAI Mission, a multi-pronged strategy spanning compute infrastructure, datasets, innovation, skilling, and responsible AI frameworks. Significant allocations of over ₹4,500 crore for compute capacity and nearly ₹2,000 crore for startups signal a clear emphasis on building both foundational infrastructure and a vibrant innovation ecosystem. Backed by more than 900 million internet users and a fast-expanding digital base, India has already emerged as a major AI player. Yet, the report strikes a cautious note on execution.

While flagship initiatives such as IndiaAI, Digital India Bhashini, and AIRAWAT reflect policy momentum, their outcomes are still evolving. For instance, the deployment of over 34,000 GPUs marks progress in compute capacity, but scaling high-end infrastructure to globally competitive levels remains a work in progress. Similarly, the relatively modest number of advanced research fellowships, just over 200, highlights the early stage of India's deep research pipeline.

Efforts to democratise AI through 27 data labs in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities indicate a push toward decentralisation, but widespread diffusion is yet to fully take shape. The proposed national datasets platform, envisioned as a backbone for AI development, is still under construction.

Across sectors, AI adoption tells a similar story of promise tempered by patchy implementation. Government departments are experimenting with chatbots and predictive analytics, but integration remains inconsistent.



40L manuscripts logged, hunt begins to preserve country's written legacy

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

IN a major push to preserve India's civilisational memory, nearly 40 lakh rare and precious manuscripts, spanning centuries and written in multiple languages, have now been documented on the Gyan Bharatam portal, a flagship initiative launched in September last year to digitise and safeguard the country's vast archival wealth.

Officials said that over 600 custodians have already contributed to the initiative, submitting manuscripts inscribed on a wide range of materials including copper plates, palm leaves, paper, and even textiles. Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh have emerged as leading contributors so far, while states such as Tamil Nadu, Nagaland, and Dadra and Nagar Haveli are yet to report participation.

Sourced from state archives, universities, research institutes, religious trusts and private collectors, these manuscripts reflect an extraordinary diversity. They range from fragile, time-worn texts to remarkably well-preserved records.

Officials say the process of systematic digitisation is already underway, ensuring these invaluable documents are protected and made accessible for future generations. Stepping up efforts, the Ministry of Culture has now launched a three-month nationwide survey to expand the scope of the project.

The exercise aims to identify previously undocumented manuscripts and bring them into the national fold, while strengthening ongoing preservation and digitisation work. On Tuesday, the ministry renewed its appeal to preserve the manuscripts.

Among the most significant contributors are Abhay Jain Granthalaya in Bikaner, Shree Sanjay Sharma Museum and Research Institute in Jaipur, Shree Mathuradheesh Mandir in Kota, Sampurnanand Sanskrit University in Varanasi, Visva-Bharati in Kolkata, Telangana State Archives in Hyderabad, and Shri Mahavir Jain Aradhana Kendra in Gandhinagar.

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Police have arrested a 39-year-old history-sheeter for allegedly firing at a man at a petrol pump in Maharashtra's Thane city, officials said on Tuesday.

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MAN GETS DEATH SENTENCE FOR RAPE

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	27	14	Mumbai	28	23
Bhopal	26	10	Panaji	32	20
Jaipur	23	11	Patna	17	09
Amritsar	12	06	Lucknow	18	09
Chennai	28	21	Port Blair	28	24
Kolkata	23	14	Imphal	22	10
Srinagar	09	-3	Chandigarh	17	09

Manifesto says will formulate an act to end 'love jihad' and take steps against 'land jihad' ● Trinamool MP Kalyan Banerjee had moved court

BJP promises to protect land, heritage of indigenous people

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

Leander Paes (C) joins BJP in the presence of Kiren Rijiju at the party HQ in New Delhi on Tuesday | PARVEEN NEGI

THE BJP on Tuesday released its Assam manifesto, promising protection of land, heritage and dignity of indigenous people, and presenting a broad development agenda.

Releasing the 31-point "Sankalp Patra", Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman highlighted Assam's transformative change in the last 10 years, leading to the state's economic growth. She said that Assam's share of central tax devolution during the later years of Congress rule (2001-2016) was around ₹10,000 crore per year and this increased to ₹50,000 crore in the 2025-26 financial year under the BJP. Similarly, she said that the state's Gross State Domestic Product rose from ₹2.24 lakh crore in 2015-16 to ₹7.41 lakh crore in 2025-26.

Stating that Assam today is one of the country's fastest-growing state economies, she said that its per capita income had risen from ₹1.03 lakh in 2020-21 to ₹1.59 lakh in 2024-25.

"Everything that you do depends on stability and peace. Assam today is at peace. Assam continues to show peace is sustainable and that's the biggest achievement, I would think," Sitharaman said.

She stated that the "Sankalp Patra" was prepared based on "a decade of transformation of the state, which the Congress could not achieve in 60 years."

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said that the BJP manifesto placed strong emphasis on protecting land, heritage, and the dignity of the indigenous people of Assam.

The BJP promised to implement the Immigrants (Expulsion from Assam) Act, 1950, to expedite the process of detection and pushback of illegal immigrants, free every inch of land from encroachment by illegal immigrants, and grant land rights to all genuine citizens of the state.

"We will strengthen the legislative protections to preserve the civilisation, heritage and rights of the people of Assam by working towards the implementation of the Uniform Civil Code, excluding the 6th Schedule areas and tribals, while ensuring the traditional rights of ethnic communities," the manifesto read. The BJP promised to formulate an effective act to end 'love jihad' and take steps against 'land jihad'.

Further, the party promised to transform Assam's education by ensuring education for all, building world-class institutions, and expanding the teacher workforce. In this regard, it announced free education from KG to PG for the poor. "We will strengthen the dignity, security and economic independence of the women of Assam by increasing the monthly assistance under 'Orunodoi' to ₹3,000 in a phased manner, expanding the coverage to an additional 15 lakh households," the manifesto read.

Orunodoi may be game-changer

If the NDA wins the elections, 'Orunodoi' will be one of the biggest factors. It is a flagship social welfare programme launched by the Assam government in 2020 that provides monthly direct benefit transfers to empower women from economically disadvantaged families. Currently, each of the 40 lakh beneficiaries receives ₹1,250 per month. The BJP also pledged an investment of ₹5 lakh crore to position Assam as India's Eastern Gateway, with a focus on roadways, railways, airways, and waterways. The party promised to develop a world-class Aerocity near Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport in Guwahati with MICE facilities, hotels and integrated multimodal connectivity, and an Aerohub near the ₹3,000 crore Greenfield Doloo Airport in Silchar.

HC dismisses TMC plea against transfer of IAS and IPS officers in Bengal

SUBHENDU MAITI @ Kolkata

THE Calcutta High Court on Tuesday dismissed a plea filed by the ruling Trinamool Congress challenging the transfer of IAS and IPS officers and other administrative personnel in poll-bound West Bengal. A division bench led by Chief Justice Sujoy Paul and Justice Partha Pratim Sen rejected the plea, stating, "...the writ petitioner could not establish that because of transfers of officers, any public injury is caused."

The HC said the state government's support could not strengthen the case beyond its original pleadings. It clarified that a respondent cannot assume the role of a petitioner in such matters.

Trinamool MP and lawyer Kalyan Banerjee had alleged that the transfers ordered by the Election Commission were politically motivated. Advocate Arka Kumar Nag also moved court with separate petitions challenging the transfer of 46 IAS and IPS officers and, later, 267 officers, including police station heads and block development officers.

The transfers began on March 16, soon after poll dates were announced, including the removal of the chief secretary and home secretary. Subsequent orders included the transfer of senior police officials and district administrators, bringing the total number of transferred cops to 33.

It also replaced certain observers and officials following complaints and scrutiny of their background and conduct. The EC said that the changes were made to ensure the neutrality and proper conduct of electrions, citing violations of guidelines and administrative concerns.

The counsel for the EC, Dama Sheshadri Naidu, had, in his argument, told the bench that the chief secretary was replaced by an officer a year senior to her, and that the home secretary has seven years more experience than the previous occupant of the chair.

The court supported this view, stating, "merely because the EC has transferred a sizeable number of officers, it cannot be said that action is arbitrary, capricious or mala fide."

Names of 50% voters in Chowringhee deleted after SIR supplementary list

SUBHENDU MAITI @ Kolkata

A minority-dominated municipal ward in the Chowringhee high-profile constituency, in the heart of Kolkata, has lost around 50% of its voters since the first phase of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls launched in West Bengal last November, posing a serious threat to the ruling Trinamool Congress vote bank. The number of voters in ward No. 44 of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation has fallen to 12,500 from more than 25,000.

Local TMC councillor Rehana Khatoon said, "50% of voters' names in my ward have been removed from the rolls before and after the SIR. Four members, including my son, two daughters and daughter-in-law, have lost their eligibility."

Khatoon claimed that it was a conspiracy: "How can it be possible? We have submitted all requisite documents, including passports, to the Election Commission. They appeared twice but were rejected in the supplementary list. It's a conspiracy to target specific areas."

She added, "The same thing has happened to many poor families in my area. I will appeal before tribunals." Names of 135 adjudicated voters at 28/1 Giribabu Lane have been struck off. All are Muslims.

A party insider feared large-scale deletions in Chowringhee may hurt prospects. Chowringhee has recorded more than 70,000 absent, shifted, dead and duplicate electors. According to the poll body, around 45 lakh of 60 lakh adjudication cases have been disposed of. Names of 38 lakh voters appear in supplementary lists.

Modi says India leading change, launches 2nd chip unit and ₹20K cr projects

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA
@ Ahmedabad

ON his second Gujarat visit in a month, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday inaugurated a semiconductor plant in Sanand, rolled out ₹20,000 crore worth of infrastructure projects, and launched a Jain heritage museum in Gandhinagar.

The Keynes Semicon semiconductor unit was inaugurated within weeks after operations began at Micron Technology's chip facility. "The products manufactured here will travel to America and from there to the entire world. This is how India is building a bridge between Sanand and Silicon Valley," Modi said. Keynes targets 6 million chips per day, while Micron is expected to add 1 million daily units by 2027, pushing Gujarat's output towards 7 million chips per day.

Citing the India Semiconductor Mission, Modi said, "When global supply chains broke, India chose to become a semiconductor hub." He added that ₹1.60 lakh crore investments are underway. "This is India's decade. India is not just witnessing change, it is leading change," he said, emphasising that indigenous chipmaking is key to technological sovereignty and energy security.

Modi rolled out projects worth ₹20,000 crore in Vav-Tharad. "Development works worth nearly ₹20,000 crore will accelerate progress across energy, railway and road sectors, injecting fresh momentum into people's lives and strengthening the foundation of a modern Gujarat," the PM said. At the centre of this push stood the 109-km Ahmedabad-Dholera Greenfield Expressway built at over ₹5,100 crore.

From infrastructure, the narrative expanded to renewable energy. "Today, Gujarat stands as the leading state in solar energy, a journey that began in 2010 with a pioneering solar park," Modi said. He then turned to national security. "The Deesa Airbase, crucial for border security, remained stuck in files for years due to the previous government's neglect. After we assumed responsibility, we fast-tracked the project to safeguard the western border," he said.

Investment underway
PM Modi cited Semiconductor Mission and said, "When global supply chains broke, India chose to become a semiconductor hub." He said that ₹1.60 lakh crore investments are underway.

Ashwini Bhide 1st woman BMC chief

Secured All India Rank 9 in UPSC examination
Bhide started her career in the administration as an assistant collector of Kolhapur. She holds a postgraduate degree in English literature and an MBA. She is from Sangli district in Maharashtra and secure an All India Rank 9 in the IAS recruitment examination.

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

ASHWINI Bhide, a 1995-batch IAS officer, has been appointed as the first woman commissioner of the Asia's largest and richest civic body the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC). She will take over from Bhushan Gagrani, who retired on Tuesday after completing a two-year term. Bhide has also worked as an additional commissioner at the BMC earlier.

Four senior most IAS officers—Asim Gupta, Sanjay Mukerjee, Milind Mhaiskar and Bhide—were in the race for the top post of the BMC. Bhide, who is considered close to Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, was his top choice. However, Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde was pushing for Gupta's candidature. On late evening of Monday, Fadnavis and Shinde held a closed-door meeting, and later Bhide met Shinde at his office and made a case for her appointment.

Bhide's current assignment is Additional Chief Secretary in the Chief Minister's Office (CMO). She holds a postgraduate degree in English literature and an MBA. She is from Sangli district in Maharashtra and secure an All India Rank 9 in the IAS recruitment examination.

She emerged as a tough taskmaster for Fadnavis and pushed his pet projects, clearing of green cover for a metro carshed at Aaray despite opposition from environmentalists and the opposition parties. She also worked as the managing director of the Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation Limited between 2015 and 2020, playing a decisive role in implementing the Colaba-Bandra-SEEPZ line. Many observers recognise her role in the execution of the complex project in the densely populated city of Mumbai.

Bhide's appointment has broken a glass ceiling for women officers in the state, as she takes over as the first woman chief of the most important municipal body. Earlier IPS officer Rashmi Shukla was appointed as the state police chief and Sujata Saunik was named the chief secretary.

The push for women officers at the top of administrative structure has become an important political statement for the ruling dispensation.

BJP-ruled UP and MP sign MoU in Varanasi to manage temple crowd

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

TWO BJP-ruled states, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, on Tuesday signed two memorandums of understanding (MoUs) in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's parliamentary constituency Varanasi on Tuesday.

The first MoU was exchanged between the managements of two world-famous temples housing the 'Jyotirlingas'—Varanasi's Kashi Vishwanath Temple Corridor and Ujjain's Mahakaleshwar Temple.

The latest MoU signed during MP CM Mohan Yadav's visit to the riverside KV Temple Corridor will particularly help in replicating the pilgrim management system of the world-famous Varanasi temple at the equally famous Mahakal Temple in Ujjain. "The main objective of the initiative is to provide improved facilities for devotees," Yadav said.

GI TAGS
1. First MoU between the managements of Kashi Vishwanath Temple and Mahakaleshwar Temple in Ujjain
2. Second MoU related to a cooperative framework in sphere of One District One Product, GI certifications

During the visit to the KV Temple Corridor, while describing the experiences of Varanasi as highly relevant for the upcoming Simhastha-2028 in his home city, Ujjain, Yadav met the trustees of the Shri Kashi Vishwanath Temple Trust and saw a presentation on pilgrim management at the corridor. The aim is to provide the highest level of accessibility for pilgrims during darshan, not just in Ujjain but also at other religious sites in MP.

The second MoU related to the framing of a cooperative framework in the interrelated sphere of One District One Product (ODOP) and Geographical Indications (GI) certifications, particularly as the Yogi Adityanath-ruled state is a national leader in ODOP and GI certifications tagging.

In 2017 in the pre-ODOP regime, UP's total exports were pegged at ₹88,000 crore-plus, but with the successful ODOP model, the figure zoomed to more than ₹1.86 lakh crore annually in 2024.

After protests, Sukhu rolls back vehicle entry tax hike

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

FOLLOWING protests, the Himachal Pradesh government has withdrawn the proposed hike in entry tax for vehicles, which was to come into effect from Tuesday midnight.

Addressing the assembly on Tuesday, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu announced the rollback in entry tax, which means five-seater vehicles will be charged ₹70 and those with 6 to 12 seats ₹110. The state government had earlier decided to increase the entry tax for five-seater vehicles to ₹170 and those with 6 to 12 seats to ₹130.

The entry tax hike decision had triggered protests in Punjab and Haryana, particularly among residents in border districts and taxi operators.

Despite Sukhu's announcement, the protesters decided to continue their agitation until an official notification on the rollback is issued.

"We will continue our dharna on Wednesday and take a final decision only after examining the notification issued by the Himachal government," Sangharsh Morcha leader Paramjit Singh Pamma said. He added that the Morcha's demand goes beyond a partial rollback. "Our stand is clear—either Himachal should completely exempt border areas of Punjab from the entry tax, or the Punjab government should impose a reciprocal tax on Himachal-registered vehicles," he said.

Punjab Congress chief Amarinder Singh Raja Warring thanked Sukhu and said, "I express my gratitude to CM Sukhvider Sukhu for conceding to our request to revert the entry tax for outside vehicles."

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BJP shifts into high-alert campaign mode in state

As Gujarat gears up for crucial local body polls, the BJP has shifted into high-alert campaign mode, rolling out a meticulous ground strategy to secure dominance, a statewide network of observers will fan out across districts and cities, directly engaging with grassroots workers and aspiring candidates. Over the next few days, they will assess public mood, test organisational strength, and shortlist contenders. Ward-wise panels, factoring in image, popularity, and caste equations, will be drafted and sent to the state leadership. The final call rests with State Parliamentary Board, with the exercise aimed at minimising dissent and backing only winnable faces.

Liquor move sparks political face-off

Political ripples are intensifying in Gujarat as reports suggest a move to extend controlled liquor access to permit holders in Porbandar, following a similar policy in GIFT City. Sources indicate regulatory-level preparations are underway, though official confirmation remains pending. The Congress has mounted sharp opposition, calling the move a blow to Mahatma Gandhi's legacy, while urging Narendra Modi to intervene. The BJP, however, has hit back, accusing the opposition of politicising the issue. With permit holders and tourism factors in play, the debate has quickly escalated into a larger ideological and electoral flashpoint.

Congress releases 'chargesheet' against BJP

Political temperatures are rising ahead of the local body elections as Congress unveils a "chargesheet" targeting BJP's long rule. Calling it a "book of sins", Congress leaders accused the ruling party of deep-rooted corruption and governance failures. MLA Shailesh Parmar alleged crumbling infrastructure, waterlogging, sewage issues, and mismanaged urban planning in Ahmedabad. He also flagged declining healthcare standards and rising civic taxes. The BJP, in power across civic, state, and central levels, faces mounting opposition claims as Congress seeks to turn public grievances into electoral momentum in the high-stakes urban polls.

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BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION NO: **24/2025-26,** Date: **27-03-2026**

(Through e-procurement Portal Only-Short term)

Item Rate tenders are invited on e-procurement basis by the Executive Engineer, Harangi Rehabilitation Division, Kushalnagara, Taluk, Kodagu District on behalf of the Managing Director, CNNL, Bangalore from eligible contractors for 1 number of 4701 works coming in Kushalanagar taluk juridiction. Estimated amount of work **Rs. 496.00 lakhs.**

The contractors can have access/download tender document from KPP portal and the last date to submit the filled tender document is **7-4-2026** till 4.00 PM. Technical bid will be opened on **8-4-2026** at 4.30 PM AM onwards and Financial bid will be opened after theapproval of Technical Bid. All the information is available on e-procurement web-site address **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Tender processing fee as stipulated in the e-procurement portal is applicable for each work. Additional information can be obtained from the undersigned during the office hours. Any changes due to any reason will be posted only on the KPP portal and will not be published in the newspapers.

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Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties (Appendix IV-A)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) & 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s & Guarantor/s that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to **Bank of Maharashtra**, the Possession of which have been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Maharashtra, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 17.04.2026,** for recovery of the balance due to the Bank of Maharashtra from the Borrower(s) as mentioned in the table. Details of Borrower/s & Guarantor/s, amount due, Short description of the immovable property and encumbrances known thereon, possession type, reserve price and the earnest money deposit are also given as under –

Sr. No.	Name and address of Borrower/s & Guarantor/s	Short description of immovable property	O/S Dues as on 30/03/2026 Possession Type Encumbrances	Reserve Price EMD Bid incremental Amount
1.	**Asset Recovery Branch (Mobile : 9594544454)** **Borrower/s :** **M/s. Kakuda Infra Pvt. Ltd.** No.1014, 4th Block, 6th Cross Road, 1st Stage, HBR Layout, Bengaluru - 560 043 **Guarantor/s :** **Mr. Shakthi Venkatesh Maheshwari** At Flat No.102, Ground Floor, Brindavan Apartments, Ashokapuram Main Road, Mahalakshmi Layout, Bangalore - 560 086 **Mr. Venkata Bramahaiah Kutala** At House No.14, Pooja Gardens, Anjanya Swamy Temple, Channasandra, Bangalore-560016 **Mrs. Mamatha, W/o Raja @ Raju SC & Mr. Raja @ Raju SC Both Resided at** No. 25, Village-Suggatta, Hunasamaranahalli, Hosahalli, Bengaluru - 562 157	All that piece and parcel of Residential Land bearing Site No. 17 & 18, Assessment No.183/3, Khatha No.674/633/1/17 & 674/633/2/18, Admeasuring area 2760 Sq.Ft. (Site No.17: 1260 Sq.Ft. & Site No. 18 : 1500 Sq.Ft.) with Residential Building Consisting of G+3 Constructed thereon Admeasuring Built Up Area 2000 Sq.Ft. in each Floor Lying and Situated at Village - Hunasamaranahalli, Suggata Road, Jala Hobli, Bengaluru - 562 157.	**Rs. 10,22,57,921.00 plus further interest w.e.f. 31.03.2026 plus all costs, penalty, charges and expenses or other incidental charges thereof.** **Symbolic** **NIL**	**Rs. 307.24 Lakh** **10 % of Reserve Price** **Rs. 50,000/-**
2.	**Asset Recovery Branch (Mobile : 9594544454)** **Borrower/s :** **Mr. Vishal Srinivasan, S/o. V. Shridhar,** No. 8, 1st Floor, 6th Main, Victoria Layout, Bangalore - 560 047. **Guarantor/s :** **Mr. Deepak Samasi S/o. David Samasi,** No. 14/9, 3rd Main Road, St. Thomas Town Post, Kammanahalli, Bangalore - 560 047.	All the Piece and parcel of 2BHK Residential Flat bearing No. 2C on 2nd Floor Admeasuring Area 1133 Sq.Ft. in the Building known as "Y S Apartment" along with One Car Parking along with 400 Sq.Ft. undivided share of Land right, title and interest in property Constructed on the land bearing No.s. 4, 5, 6, 3 and 3A formed in Sy.No. 6/2 Lying and Situated at Guruddatta Layout, Hosakerehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru - 560 085.	**Rs. 91,01,678.00 plus further interest w.e.f. 31.03.2026 plus all costs, penalty, charges and expenses or other incidental charges thereof.** **Physical** **NIL**	**Rs. 32.63 Lakh Lakh** **10 % of Reserve Price** **Rs. 15,000/-**

- **Date of E-Auction & Time : 17-04-2026 between 11.00 am to 1.00 pm.**
- **Property Inspection Date & Time : 10-04-2026 to 16-04-2026 with prior appointment (except holidays).**
- **Last Date & Time for submission of Bid / EMD : 17-04-2026 upto 1.00 pm.**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Website of **Bank of Maharashtra i.e., "https://www.bankofmaharashtra.in/properties for sale" & "https://baanknet.com".**

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002

The Borrower/s and Guarantor/s above named are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to dated interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date : 31-03-2026 **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Bank of Maharashtra, Asset Recovery Branch**

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ

ಟಿ. ಚೌಡಯ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಕುಮಾರ ಪಾರ್ಕ್ ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು - 560 020.

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಬೆಂಅಪ್ರಾ/ಅಭೂಸ್ವಾಅ/731/2025-26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 31.03.2026

ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರವು ಸಂ. ಬೆಂಅಪ್ರಾ/ಆಯು/ಉಅ(ಭೂಸ್ವಾ)/ಅಭೂಸ್ವಾ/158/2008-09, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21.05.2008 ರಂತೆ ನಾಡಪ್ರಭು ಕೆಂಪೇಗೌಡ ಬಡಾವಣೆಗಾಗಿ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಉತ್ತರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಯಶವಂತಪುರ ಹೋಬಳಿಯ ಶೀಗೆಹಳ್ಳಿ, ಕನ್ನಲ್ಲಿ, ಕೊಡಿಗೇಹಳ್ಳಿ ಮತ್ತು ಮಂಗನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಕೆಂಗೇರಿ ಹೋಬಳಿಯ ಕೊಮ್ಮಘಟ್ಟ, ಭೀಮನಕುಪ್ಪೆ, ಭೀಮನಕುಪ್ಪೆ ರಾಮಸಾಗರ, ರಾಮಸಂದ್ರ, ಕೆಂಚನಪುರ, ಸೂಲಿಕೆರೆ, ಕೆ.ಕೃಷ್ಣಸಾಗರ ಮತ್ತು ಚಳ್ಳಘಟ್ಟ ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳಲ್ಲಿನ ಜಮೀನನ್ನು ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1976ರ ಕಲಂ.17(1) ರಂತೆ ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ನಂತರ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 18.02.2010 ರಂದು ಅಂತಿಮ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊರಡಿಸಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಕ್ಕೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಜಮೀನಿನಲ್ಲಿನ ರೆವಿನ್ಯೂ ನಿವೇಶನದಾರರು ಬದಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ನೀಡುವಂತೆ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಉಚ್ಚ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಹಲವಾರು ರಿಟ್ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ್ದು, ಈ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಪ್ರಕರಣಗಳನ್ನು ಒಟ್ಟುಗೂಡಿಸಿ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಉಚ್ಚ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯವು ರಿಟ್ ಅಪೀಲು ಸಂ.1783/2014 ರಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 22.02.2024 ರಂದು ಆದೇಶವಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಉಚ್ಚ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ಆದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಿಸಿರುವಂತೆ ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಗೆ ಮುಂಚಿತವಾಗಿ ಶುದ್ಧ ಕ್ರಯಕ್ಕೆ ಪಡೆದಿರುವ ರೆವಿನ್ಯೂ ನಿವೇಶನದಾರರಿಂದ ನಿಗದಿತ ನಮೂನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಹ ರೆವಿನ್ಯೂ ನಿವೇಶನದಾರರಿಗೆ ನಿಗದಿತ ನಮೂನೆಯ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕೆನರಾ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್, ಬಿಡಿಎ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಕಛೇರಿ ಆವರಣದ ಶಾಖೆಯಿಂದ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 20.03.2024 ರಿಂದ 23.05.2024ರ ವರೆಗೆ** ನೀಡಲು ಅವಕಾಶ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಪೂರ್ಣ ಪ್ರಮಾಣದಲ್ಲಿ ರೆವಿನ್ಯೂ ನಿವೇಶನದಾರರು ನಿಗದಿತ ನಮೂನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ, **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 06.04.2026 ರಿಂದ 04.07.2026 ರವರೆಗೆ** ಅವಕಾಶ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು ಉದ್ದೇಶಿತ ಬಡಾವಣೆಗೆ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸದ ಸದರಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯ ಕಂದಾಯ ನಿವೇಶನದಾರರ ಹಿತದೃಷ್ಟಿಯಿಂದ ಮತ್ತೊಮ್ಮೆ ಸದರಿ ಜಮೀನುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಗೂ ಮುಂಚೆ ರೆವಿನ್ಯೂ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ಕ್ರಯಕ್ಕೆ ಪಡೆದಿರುವ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಜಮೀನುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ರೆವಿನ್ಯೂ ನಿವೇಶನದಾರರು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಕುಮಾರ್ ಪಾರ್ಕ್ ರಲ್ಲಿ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04.07.2026ರ ಒಳಗಾಗಿ** ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿದ ದಿನಾಂಕದ ನಂತರ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲಾಗುವ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಮಾನ್ಯ ಉಚ್ಚ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ಆದೇಶದ ಅನ್ವಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04.07.2026ರಂದು** ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕವಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಸದರಿ ದಿನಾಂಕದ ಒಳಗಾಗಿ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದ್ದು, **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04.07.2026ರ ನಂತರ** ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಹಾಗೂ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸದೇ ಇರುವ ರೆವಿನ್ಯೂ ನಿವೇಶನದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಉಚ್ಚ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ಆದೇಶದಂತೆ ಬದಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನಕ್ಕೆ ಅರ್ಹವಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಕಂದಾಯ ನಿವೇಶನದಾರರು ಬದಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನಕ್ಕೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿರುವ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳ ವಿವರ

1. ಪೂರ್ಣ ಅಂಚೆ ವಿಳಾಸ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ನಿಗದಿತ ಅರ್ಜಿ (ಪೂರಕ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ)
2. ಸ್ವ ವಿಳಾಸ ಆಧಾರ್ ಕಾರ್ಡ್ ಪ್ರತಿ,
3. ಸಹಿ ಮತ್ತು ಭಾವಚಿತ್ರ ದೃಢೀಕರಣ ಪತ್ರ (ಗೆಜೆಟೆಡ್ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಂದ ದೃಢೀಕರಿಸಿರುವ)
4. ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಕ್ರಯಪತ್ರದ ದೃಢೀಕೃತ ನಕಲು
5. ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರಾಗಲೀ ಅಥವಾ ಅವರ ಅವಲಂಬಿತ ಕುಟುಂಬ ಸದಸ್ಯರ ಹೆಸರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಬೇರೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ನಿವೇಶನ / ಮನೆ ಹೊಂದಿರದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರವನ್ನು ನೋಟರಿಯವರಿಂದ ದೃಢೀಕರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು.
6. ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರವು ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿರುವ ಚಾಲ್ತಿ ನಿವೇಶನದ ಮಾರ್ಗಸೂಚಿ ದರ ಪಾವತಿಸುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಒಪ್ಪಿಗೆ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರ (ನೋಟರೈಸ್)
7. ಮಾಲೀಕತ್ವಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಇತರೆ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳು
8. ಇಲ್ಲಿಯವರೆಗಿನ ಋಣಭಾರ ಪತ್ರ (ಫಾರಂ ನಂ.15, 16 ರಲ್ಲಿ)
9. ರೆವಿನ್ಯೂ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ನಕ್ಷೆ (ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂಬರ್ ಮತ್ತು ರೆವಿನ್ಯೂ ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯಿರುವ)
10. ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗೆ/ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಇಲಾಖೆಗೆ ಪಾವತಿಸಿರುವ ಕಂದಾಯ ಪಾವತಿ ರಸೀದಿ.
11. ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ 10 ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ವಾಸವಾಗಿರುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ದೃಢೀಕರಣ ಪತ್ರ
12. ಇತರೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳು.

ಸಹಾಯವಾಣಿ/ವಾಟ್ಸ್‌ಪ್: 9483166622 (24x7). @BDAOfficialGok

ಸೂಚನೆ: ನಿಗದಿತ ನಮೂನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ, ನಿಗದಿತ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಹಾಗೂ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಕಾರ್ಡ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ರೆವಿನ್ಯೂ ನಿವೇಶನದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ಬದಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನಕ್ಕೆ ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/- ಅಪರ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಾಧಿಕಾರಿ, ಬೆಂ.ಅ.ಪ್ರಾ., ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.

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:PUBLIC NOTICE:

Public are hereby notified that my clients propose to purchase the below mentioned Properties described in the Schedule herein from **(1) Mr.NIRMAL KUMAR RAJAPPA alias R. NIRMAL KUMAR.,** and **(2) Mr. ARUN KUMAR RAJAPPA alias R. ARUN KUMAR.,** sons of Late **Mr. Rajappa Arogyappa,** both at No.1427, Hennur Main Road, Kacharakanahalli, St. Thomas Town Post, Bangalore-560 084, who have represented that they are the full and absolute owners of the Schedule Property having acquired the same by way of inheritance from their father Mr. Rajappa Arogyappa and by two Release Deeds both dated 07/03/2023 executed by their mother Mrs. Jayamma alias Jayamma Arogyappa, one Registered as Document No.22034/2022-23 of Book I, stored in C.D. No. BNSD1746 and the other Registered as Document No.22030/2022-23 of Book I, stored in C.D. No. BNSD1746. The owners further represent that Original Sale Deeds both dated 07/06/1983 registered as Document No.580/1983-84 and Document No.581/1983-84 wherein their father Mr. Rajappa Arogyappa purchased the said properties, are either misplaced or lost and they are unable to trace the same in spite of best efforts and in spite of a Complaint to Bangalore City Police Station vide Complaint/Lost Report No. 0229386/2022 dated 24/05/2022 is filed. If anyone were to trace the two original Sale Deeds, they are requested to deliver the same to the undersigned. If any person were to deal with the said two original Sale Deeds and/or any documents in respect of the Schedule Property other than by Mr. R. Nirmal Kumar and Mr. R. Arun Kumar, such transactions will not bind them or respect of Schedule Property, and they will be doing so at their own risk and cost. Further any persons objecting for the proposed sale who claim to have any right, or interest in the below mentioned property including by way of any agreement or otherwise shall lodge their objections and/or claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within Ten (10) days from the date of this publication. Further, claims or alleged interest or objections, if any, which are not received within Ten (10) days from the date of publication of this notice shall be considered to have been consciously waived or abandoned for all intents and purposes. Any objections and/or claims and/or response received thereafter will not be considered by my clients and they will proceed to purchase the Schedule Property as if there are no claims/objections.

:SCHEDULE:

Item No. I:

Land measuring 05 Acres 08 Guntas in Sy. No.27, situated at Anagalapura Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, duly converted for non-agricultural Apartment-Residential purposes vide Conversion Order bearing No.ALN/EBB/SR 305/2025-26 and No.818797 dated 09/01/2026 issued by The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore and bounded by:

East : Property in Sy.No.28;
West : Property in Sy.No.36;
North : Property in Sy. No.29;
South : Property in Sy. No.26.

Item No. II:

Land measuring 04 Acres 26 Guntas in Sy. No.28, situated at Anagalapura Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk duly converted for non-agricultural Apartment-Residential purposes vide Conversion Order bearing No.ALN/EBB/SR 304/2025-26 and No.818798 dated 09/01/2026 issued by The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore and bounded by:

East : Road and Property bearing Sy. Nos.20 and 23;
West : Property in Sy.No.27;
North : Property in Sy. No.29;
South : Property in Sy. No.25.

Sd/-.,
Sri. KUSUMA R. MUNIRAJU,
Sri. KUSUMA KAUSHIK,
Advocates,
No.101,"EDEN PARK", No.20, Vittal Mallya Road,
BANGALORE-560 001.TEL: 080-22217971.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 01.04.2026

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PUB/2208

ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA, SR.DIVISIONAL SIGNAL & TELECOM ENGINEER, SECUNDERABAD DIVISION, SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, SECUNDERABAD INVITES OPEN TENDERS FOR THE FOLLOWING WORKS THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT **of the TENDER**

S.No.: 01 **Tender No. & Date:** C_SG_36_597 Dt: 26.03.2026 Closing Dt: 17.04.2026 **Name of the work:** Signaling arrangements for strengthening of power supply at Raghavapuram (RGPM) and Peddampet (PPZ) stations. **Approx Value (₹):** 1,43,47,018.60 **Bid security EMD (₹):** 2,21,700/-

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*As per IRSGCC-2022, e-Tender Forms shall be issued free of cost to all tenderers. (Ref:IRGCC 2022 part-I, Clause-3

Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecom
A2795 Engineer, Secunderabad

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BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL- II AT BANGALORE, BSNL BUILDING 4TH FLOOR, RAJABHAVANA ROAD, BANGALORE
O.A. NO.429/2020

Between:
M/s. ICICI Bank Limited
Having its branch office at:
No. 4/10, Mytree Center
Hosur Road, Bommanahalli
Bangalore-560 068. ....Applicant
And:
1. Mr. Kaushif Ansari
S/o Late Mr. Sheikh Yusuf Ansari
Aged about 33 years, Residing at House No. 1020, Behind Hoodi Mosque, near Hoodi Circle, Mahadevpura, Whitefield, Bengaluru-560048.
And Also Available at:
No. 123, Near Bhawasar Market, Kothi Bazar, Gandhi Ward, Betul, Madhya Pradesh - 460001.
2. Mr. Shoaib Ansari
S/o. Mr. Late Yusuf Ansari
Aged about 32 years
Residing at House No. 1020, Behind Hoodi, Mosque, Mahadevpura, Whitefield, Bengaluru- 560048.
Also available at:
No. 123, Near Bhawasar Market, Kothi Bazar, Gandhi Ward, Betul, Madhya Pradesh - 460001.
...Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDENT UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

WHERE AS: The applicant has instituted an application in the section 19 of recovery of debts due to Banks and Financial institution Act, 1993 against the You for recovery of a sum of Rs. 40,88,576/- (Rupees Forty Lakh Eighty Eight Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy Six Only) together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs. The above mentioned defendant is required to appear therefore here by direct to appear before the tribunal in person is through an advocate or through authorized agents in support of their defense to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on 29/04/2026 at 10:30 am as to why the relief prayed for should not on be granted.

Take notice that in cause default the application will be heard and determine in your absence.

Given under my hand & the seal of the tribunal on this 11th Day of March 2026

The Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal,-II
Bangalore

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ

ಟಿ. ಚೌಡಯ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಕುಮಾರ ಪಾರ್ಕ್ ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು - 560 020.

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಬೆಂಅಪ್ರಾ/ಅಭೂಸ್ವಾಅ/730/2025-26 ದಿನಾಂಕ:31.03.2026

ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರವು ಸಂ.BDA/Commr/DC(LA)/ALAO/10/2002-03, ದಿನಾಂಕ:14.12.2001 ಮತ್ತು ಸಂ. BDA/Commr/DC(LA)/ALAO/09/2002-03, dated:15.04.2002ರಂತೆ ಸರ್.ಎಂ.ವಿಶ್ವೇಶ್ವರಯ್ಯ ಬಡಾವಣೆಗಾಗಿ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಕೆಂಗೇರಿ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಸೊಣ್ಣೇನಹಳ್ಳಿ, ರಾಮಸಂದ್ರ, ಕೊಮ್ಮಘಟ್ಟ, ಕೆಂಗೇರಿ, ಮತ್ತು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಉತ್ತರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಯಶವಂತಪುರ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಉಲ್ಲಾಳು ಗ್ರಾಮ, ಮಂಗನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳಲ್ಲಿನ ಜಮೀನನ್ನು ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1976ರ ಕಲಂ.17(1) ರಂತೆ ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ನಂತರ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಯುಡಿಡಿ/654/ಎಂಎನ್‌ಎಕ್ಸ್/2002 ದಿನಾಂಕ:31.10.2002 ರಂದು ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ನಂತರ ಮುಂದುವರೆದ ಸರ್.ಎಂ.ವಿಶ್ವೇಶ್ವರಯ್ಯನಗರ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯ ಸಂ.ಬೆಂ.ಅ.ಪ್ರಾ/ಆ.ಯು/ವಿ.ಅ.ಭೂಸ್ವಾಅ/79/2003-04, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ದಿನಾಂಕ:08.04.2003 ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯಂತೆ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಉತ್ತರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಯಶವಂತಪುರ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಹೇರೋಹಳ್ಳಿ, ಗಿಡದಕೋನೇನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಮತ್ತು ಮಲ್ಲತ್ತಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳಲ್ಲಿನ ಜಮೀನುಗಳನ್ನು ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1976ರ ಕಲಂ.17(1) ರಂತೆ ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ನಂತರ ಸಂ.ನಅಇ/749/ಬೆಂಭೂಸ್ವಾ/2003, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಿನಾಂಕ:09.09.2003 ರಂದು ಅಂತಿಮ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಕ್ಕೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಜಮೀನುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ರೆವಿನ್ಯೂ ನಿವೇಶನದಾರರು ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ.ಜುಂಜಮ್ಮ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರರು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಉಚ್ಚ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ರಿಟ್ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಂ.42483-517/2002, ಮತ್ತು ರಿಟ್ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಂ.16221-222/2003 ಆದೇಶದ ಮಾರ್ಗಸೂಚಿಗಳನ್ವಯ ರೆವಿನ್ಯೂ ನಿವೇಶನಕ್ಕೆ ಬದಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನ ನೀಡುವ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದಿಂದ ನಿಗದಿತ ನಮೂನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಮತ್ತು ನೊಂದಣಿ ಕಾರ್ಡ್ (Registration Card) ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಅವಕಾಶ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಲಾಗಿತ್ತು. ದಿನಾಂಕ:09.12.2002 ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ ಮತ್ತು ದಿನಾಂಕ:2.11.2014 ರಂದು ಮತ್ತೊಮ್ಮೆ ಅವಕಾಶ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಉಚ್ಚ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ಆದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಿಸಿರುವಂತೆ, ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಗೆ ಮುಂಚಿತವಾಗಿ ಶುದ್ಧ ಕ್ರಯಕ್ಕೆ ಪಡೆದಿರುವ ರೆವಿನ್ಯೂ ನಿವೇಶನದಾರರಿಂದ ನಿಗದಿತ ನಮೂನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಮತ್ತೊಂದು ಹಾಗೂ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅವಕಾಶ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಲು ಉದ್ದೇಶಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಅರ್ಹ ರೆವಿನ್ಯೂ ನಿವೇಶನದಾರರಿಗೆ ನಿಗದಿತ ನಮೂನೆಯ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕೆನರಾ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್, ಬಿಡಿಎ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಕಛೇರಿ ಆವರಣದ ಶಾಖೆಯಿಂದ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅವಕಾಶ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಪೂರ್ಣ ಪ್ರಮಾಣದಲ್ಲಿ ರೆವಿನ್ಯೂ ನಿವೇಶನದಾರರು ನಿಗದಿತ ನಮೂನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ, **ದಿನಾಂಕ:06.04.2026 ರಿಂದ 04.07.2026 ರವರೆಗೆ** ಅವಕಾಶ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಮತ್ತು ನೋಂದಣಿ ಕಾರ್ಡ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿರುವ ರೆವಿನ್ಯೂ ನಿವೇಶನದಾರರಿಗೆ ಎರಡನೇ ಬಾರಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಅವಕಾಶವಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಸದರಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯ ಕಂದಾಯ ನಿವೇಶನದಾರರ ಹಿತದೃಷ್ಟಿಯಿಂದ ಮತ್ತೊಮ್ಮೆ ಸದರಿ ಜಮೀನುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಗೂ ಮುಂಚೆ ರೆವಿನ್ಯೂ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ಕ್ರಯಕ್ಕೆ ಪಡೆದಿರುವ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಜಮೀನುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ರೆವಿನ್ಯೂ ನಿವೇಶನದಾರರು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಕುಮಾರ್ ಪಾರ್ಕ್‌ರಲ್ಲಿ **ದಿನಾಂಕ:04.07.2026 ರ** ಒಳಗಾಗಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿದ ದಿನಾಂಕದ ನಂತರ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲಾಗುವ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಸದರಿ ದಿನಾಂಕದ ಒಳಗಾಗಿ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದ್ದು, **ದಿನಾಂಕ:04.07.2026 ರ** ನಂತರ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಹಾಗೂ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸದೇ ಇರುವ ರೆವಿನ್ಯೂ ನಿವೇಶನದಾರರು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಉಚ್ಚ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ಆದೇಶದಂತೆ ಬದಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನಕ್ಕೆ ಅರ್ಹವಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಕಂದಾಯ ನಿವೇಶನದಾರರು ಬದಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನಕ್ಕೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿರುವ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳ ವಿವರ

1. ಪೂರ್ಣ ಅಂಚೆ ವಿಳಾಸ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ನಿಗದಿತ ಅರ್ಜಿ (ಪೂರಕ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ)
2. ಸ್ವ ವಿಳಾಸ ಆಧಾರ್ ಕಾರ್ಡ್ ಪ್ರತಿ,
3. ಸಹಿ ಮತ್ತು ಭಾವಚಿತ್ರ ದೃಢೀಕರಣ ಪತ್ರ (ಗೆಜೆಟೆಡ್ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಂದ ದೃಢೀಕರಿಸಿರುವ)
4. ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಕ್ರಯಪತ್ರದ ದೃಢೀಕೃತ ನಕಲು
5. ಜಿ.ಪಿ.ಎ ಹಾಗೂ ಕರಾರು ಪತ್ರದ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಖರೀದಿದಾರರಿಗೆ ಅನ್ವಯಿಸುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.
6. ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರಾಗಲೀ ಅಥವಾ ಅವರ ಅವಲಂಬಿತ ಕುಟುಂಬ ಸದಸ್ಯರ ಹೆಸರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಬೇರೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ನಿವೇಶನ / ಮನೆ ಹೊಂದಿರದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರವನ್ನು ನೋಟರಿಯವರಿಂದ ದೃಢೀಕರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು.
7. ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರವು ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿರುವ ಚಾಲ್ತಿ ನಿವೇಶನದ ಮಾರ್ಗಸೂಚಿ ದರ ಪಾವತಿಸುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಒಪ್ಪಿಗೆ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರ (ನೋಟರೈಸ್)
8. ಮಾಲೀಕತ್ವಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಇತರೆ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳು
9. 30 ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಅವಧಿಯ ಋಣಭಾರ ಪತ್ರ (ಫಾರಂ ನಂ.15, 16 ರಲ್ಲಿ)
10. ರೆವಿನ್ಯೂ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ನಕ್ಷೆ (ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂಬರ್ ಮತ್ತು ರೆವಿನ್ಯೂ ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯಿರುವ)
11. ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗೆ/ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಇಲಾಖೆಗೆ ಪಾವತಿಸಿರುವ ಕಂದಾಯ ಪಾವತಿ ರಸೀದಿ.
12. ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ 10 ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ವಾಸವಾಗಿರುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ದೃಢೀಕರಣ ಪತ್ರ
13. ಇತರೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳು.

ಸಹಾಯವಾಣಿ/ವಾಟ್ಸ್‌ಪ್: 9483166622 (24X7). @BDAOfficialGok

ಸೂಚನೆ:
- ✓ ನಿಗದಿತ ನಮೂನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ, ನಿಗದಿತ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಹಾಗೂ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಕಾರ್ಡ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ರೆವಿನ್ಯೂ ನಿವೇಶನದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ಬದಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನಕ್ಕೆ ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.
- ✓ ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಮತ್ತು ನೋಂದಣಿ ಕಾರ್ಡ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿರುವ ರೆವಿನ್ಯೂ ನಿವೇಶನದಾರರಿಗೆ ಎರಡನೇ ಬಾರಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಅವಕಾಶವಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಸಹಿ/- ಅಪರ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಾಧಿಕಾರಿ, ಬೆಂ.ಅ.ಪ್ರಾ., ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು

LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

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BACK OFFICE, 1ST FLOOR, LIC JEEVAN MANGAL , HAYES ROAD, RESIDENCY RD, BENGALURU, KARNATAKA 560025

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of LIC Housing Finance Ltd (LIC HFL), under Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 had issued **Demand Notice** to following Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors calling upon them to repay the outstanding due amount mentioned in the said notices. However, The Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors having failed to repay the said due amount, the undersigned has taken **SYMBOLIC POSSESSION** in exercise of powers conferred U/s 13(4) and U/s 14 of the said Act read with the Rule 8.

This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property have been mortgaged to the LIC HFL, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of LIC HFL will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" & without any recourse basis on Date of Auction, as per the brief particulars given here under.

Name of Borrower/s- M/S SHRI RAM BUIDERS MR NARINDER SINGH AND MRS SIMRANJEET KAUR
Loan A/c No. 411100002356

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY : All the piece and parcel of the Eastern Portion of the property, bearing plot no 6 and 7, Khata no. 4, Measuring East to West 60(Sixty) feet and North to South 100 (hundred) feet, totalling to 6000(Six Thousand) square feet in area, situated at Bikasipura Village, Rajarajeshwari CMC, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru and bounded by, on the: - EAST: BDA property, WEST: Remaining portion of Property No. 6 and 7 (Housing DAV School) NORTH: Private Property, SOUTH: Road

Date of Demand Notice	**14/11/2025**
Amount Demanded	**Rs.96422441.45 with further Interest, Cost and Expenses.**
Account Details	**Beneficiary Name: LIC Housing Finance Ltd Beneficiary Branch Name: HDFC BANK LTD Account Number: LHFLBA411100002356 IFSC Code: HDFC0000009**
Date of Possession	**Symbolic Possession on 27.01.2026**
Reserve Price	**Rs.17,00,00,000.00 (Rupees Seventeen Crore Only)**
EMD	**Rs.1,70,00,000 /- (Rupees One crore seventy lakhs Only)**
Total Amount payable as on date	**Rs.10,19,10,869.55 (Rupees Ten Crore nineteen lakh ten thousand eight hundred sixty-nine rupees and fifty-five paisa Only)**
Website of E-Auction	**https://online.lichousing.com/eauction/ & https://www.auctionbazaar.com/**
Date & time of Inspection of Photocopies of property documents	**10-04-2026 & 10:30 AM to 3:00 PM**
Address where property documents can be inspected	**BACK OFFICE, 1st FLOOR, JEEVAN MANGAL BUILDING, HAYES ROAD, BENGALURU -560025, KARNATAKA**
Inspection of the Property Date for inspection and time	**13-04-2026 & 10:30AM to 1:00PM**
Contact person: Name of Authorised Representative	**Mr. A.S.R Phanindra, Associate Chief Manager, Mob No: 8008177199**
Last date of submission of Online Tender / Bid	**15-04-2026 till 3.00 PM**
E Auction Date & Time	**16-04-2026 & 11 AM to 3.00 PM**

Further to this PUBLIC NOTICE for E-Auction Sale of the above said Assets / properties (in terms and conditions of the SARFAESI, Act 2002 and rules thereunder) LICHFL invites OFFERS through online mode only to purchase the said property as per the following Terms and Conditions as mentioned below:

1. E-Auction Sale is being held on **'As is where is Basis is' and 'As is what is Basis', 'whatever there is Basis' And 'Without Any Recourse Basis',** and will be conducted "Online". The E-Auction will be conducted through LIC HFL approved E-auction service provider – **https://www.auctionbazaar.com/.** **2.** To the best of the knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer, no other encumbrance exists on the mortgaged property, except as disclosed in the publications. However, the interested Bidders to conduct their own independent due diligence verifications regarding the Location and Identity of the property, Inspection of Public records in the Sub Registrars' Offices/Civil Courts, to find any encumbrances, statutory liabilities, arrears of property tax, Income Tax, Excise Duty, Labor Dues, electricity, and maintenance dues, etc., of the Secured Asset. The Successful bidders shall have to bear all outgoing i.e., municipal taxes, maintenance/society charges, electricity charges, water charges, stamp duty, registration charges, (if applicable), if any and all other incidentals charges, cost including all outgoing relating to the respective properties over and above the Reserve Price. LICHFL will not be held responsible for any charge, lien, liabilities, etc., of whatsoever nature pending upon the properties as mentioned above. **3.** The intending bidders should register their names at portal "website of E-auction service provider" as mentioned in the auction sale notice (as published in newspaper advertisement). **4.** The E-auction Sale is subject to the conditions prescribed in the SARFAESI Act/Rules 2002 and the terms and conditions mentioned hereunder/ website also subject to conditions in the offer/bid documents to be submitted by the intending/participating bidders. **5.** Every bidder is required to have his/her own email address in order to participate in the online E-auction. Once Intending Bidder formally registers as a qualified tenderer before Authorized Officer of LICHFL, will have to express his/her interest to participate through the E-auction bidding platform, by submitting documents. It shall be the tenderer's/online bidder's sole responsibility to procure his/her login ID and password from the E-auction service provider. **6.** The aforesaid properties shall not be sold below the Reserve Price mentioned above. **7.** If the successful bidder defaults in effecting payments or fails to adhere to the terms and condition of E-Auction in any manner the amount already deposited will be forfeited and he/she shall not have any claim as such for forfeited amount. **8.** The offer/s along with the aforesaid Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) can be submitted "online" through the portal eg., **"www.auctionbazaar.com"** along with the EMD and scanned copy of KYC documents including PAN Card & (Aadhar Card) address proof, to the service provider, mentioned above on or before the Bid Submission due date & time as per other details of Auction above. Authorised Officer is not bound to accept highest offer made by the bidder if not acceptable to the secured creditor. **9.** Every Bidder shall deposit EMD before participating in E-Auction. The said Deposit/s shall be adjusted in the case of successful bidder/s, otherwise refunded. The said earnest money deposit/s will not carry any interest. **10.** Initial Bidding increment is **Rs 100000/-.** However, Authorised Officer will state bidding increment amount percentage for each property if, decided otherwise. **11.** The successful bidder/s shall deposit 25% of the amount of sale price, adjusting the EMD paid already, within 24 hours of bid acceptance by the Authorized officer/next working day before close of cash hours, in respect of the sale, failing which the earnest money deposited shall be forfeited. The balance 75% of the sale price is payable within 15 days from the date of confirmation of the sale unless decided otherwise by Authorised Officer in writing, the maximum period allowed is 90 days, beyond which time-period cannot be extended. In case of failure to deposit the balance amount within the prescribed period, the amount deposited shall be forfeited. The Authorized Officer shall not be required to give any further notice of forfeiture to the successful bidder. **12.** The successful bidder should bear the charges/fees payable on sale certificate, such as registration fees, stamp duty, taxes, or any other duties payable for getting the secured asset transferred in his/her name. **13.** The Sale Certificate will be issued only in the name of the successful bidder and only after receipt of the entire sale price. **14.** The notice is hereby given to the Borrower/s, Mortgagor/s and Guarantor/s that they can bring the intending buyer/purchaser for purchasing the properties mentioned above, as per the terms and Conditions of the E-Auction Sale. **15.** Inspection of the photocopies of documents and Property Inspection of the above said properties can be done on the dates stated in the advertisement. Interested bidders shall contact the designated official as per the other details of E-Auction mentioned above. All conveyance and other expenses related to Inspection of the property/document copies shall be borne by the interested bidders. **16.** The LIC Housing Finance Limited reserves the right to CANCEL / ACCEPT / REJECT / ALTER / MODIFY / POSTPONE the AUCTION without giving any reason whatsoever or prior Notice. **17.** The sale is subject to confirmation by the Secured Creditor, viz., LIC Housing Finance Ltd.

Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Date : 01.04.2026 **L.I.C Housing Finance Ltd.**

US-Israeli strikes hit Iran bases, religious site, drug plant

Iran hits fully loaded oil tanker off Dubai coast; US gas tops $4 per gallon

DUBAI

IRANIAN media reported on Tuesday that a wave of US-Israeli strikes hit military bases, a religious site and a cancer drug plant in the more than month-old war rocking the West Asia and roiling the world economy. Two massive explosions shook Iran's central city of Isfahan, seen in video footage verified by AFP, and Iranian state media reported damage to the Shia religious centre of Grand Husseiniya in Zanjan in the northwest.

The Iranian government also said airstrikes had hit a plant making cancer drugs and anaesthetics, claims AFP could not independently verify.

Meanwhile, authorities in Dubai said on Tuesday morning they "contained" a Kuwaiti oil tanker after it came under attack from Iran. US gas prices jumped past an average of $4 a gallon for the first time since 2022 as fuel prices continue to soar worldwide.

China-Pak push for truce talks

China and Pakistan called on Tuesday for an immediate end to the war in the West Asia, and for peace talks as soon as possible, as they agreed to boost their cooperation on Iran. The two countries outlined a joint initiative "for restoring peace and stability in the Gulf and West Asia region", after a visit from senior Pakistani officials to Beijing.

Dar's ministry later said the two sides had agreed on a five-point plan, starting with the "immediate cessation of hostilities" and the "start of peace talks as soon as possible".

A ball of fire rises from the site of an Israeli strike that targeted a building adjacent to the highway that leads to Beirut's international airport | AFP

On talks, which the United States claims are ongoing but Iran denies, the governments said dialogue and diplomacy were "the only viable option to resolve conflicts".

War costs Arabs billions

The war sparked by the joint US-Israeli attack on Iran and which has spread across the West Asia has cost Arab countries $186 billion, a top UN official said Tuesday, as he called for an immediate halt to the fighting. "We estimate that the loss to the Arab region's GDP as a result of one month of fighting will be around six per cent... Six per cent of GDP means the region has lost around $186 billion from its economy in a single month," he said.

Pete says next days 'decisive'

Pentagon chief Pete Hegseth said that the next days of the Iran war will be "decisive" while refusing to rule out US ground forces playing a role in the conflict.

"The upcoming days will be decisive. Iran knows that, and there's almost nothing they can militarily do about it," Hegseth said. "You can't fight and win a war if you tell your adversary what you are willing to do, or what you are not willing to do, to include boots on the ground," he said.

Italy blocks US aircraft landing

Italy recently refused authorisation for some US aircraft headed to the West Asia on a combat mission to land at its Sigonella base, a defence ministry source and Italian media said on Tuesday. Italian bases allow US aircraft only for logistical use under agreements.

"They asked for permission to land... They were already in flight and there was not enough time to consult parliament so it was refused," a defence ministry source told AFP. *AFP*

Israel to take over south Lebanon security zone

BEIRUT

ISRAEL's Defence Minister Israel Katz on Tuesday said the military would occupy a swathe of southern Lebanon even after the end of the war against Hezbollah, as warplanes carried out fresh strikes on Beirut's southern suburbs.

Also on Tuesday, AFPTV's live broadcast showed a strike hitting Beirut's southern suburbs, long a bastion of Hezbollah. The Israeli military said it "has begun to strike Hezbollah terrorist infrastructure in Beirut".

It also renewed its strikes on Lebanon, particularly the country's south, with Israeli troops carrying out ground incursions in border areas. The Iran-backed militant group drew Lebanon into the war by launching attacks on Israel to avenge Israel's killing of Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. Israel has responded with broad strikes across Lebanon and a ground offensive.

"At the end of the operation, the IDF will establish itself in a security zone inside Lebanon, on a defensive line against anti-tank missiles, and will maintain security control over the entire area up to the Litani," Katz said in a video statement published by his ministry. *AFP*

Three of China's ships cross Strait of Hormuz

Beijing: China on Tuesday said three of its oil ships had passed through the Strait of Hormuz, thanking relevant parties for facilitation. Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning did not name Iran, which controls movement of shipments through the Strait and is seeking recognition of its sovereignty. The waterway is a key global energy route. China called for an immediate end to hostilities to restore stability in the Gulf region and ensure smooth global energy supplies. It is the first such confirmation amid reports Iran is allowing Chinese vessels through. Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Wang Yi held talks with Pakistan's Ishaq Dar on the Iran situation in Beijing.

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Dr. AIT CAMPUS, MALLATHAHALLI, BANGALORE-56.
Telephone No. 080 23211559, E-mail : pvppolytechnic2017@gmail.com

Ref.No. PVP(P)/STORE/1373/ 2025-26 Date: 31.03.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sealed quotations are invited from Reputed Manufactures/Authorized Dealers for Supply of the following.

Electronic Instrumentation and Control Engg. Electrical and Electronics Engineering. department LCD Projector.

Interested suppliers can collect the tender forms and specifications personally by paying **Rs.500/- (Rupees five hundred only)** by cash or DD in favour of the Principal, P.V.P. Polytechnic, Bengaluru-56. from the Stores Section of the institution with a requisition letter in their company letter head on all working days between **9.30am and 4.00 p.m.**

Sealed quotations for said item should reach the undersigned on or before **31.03.2026 by 1.00 pm** Quotations will be opened on **30.04.2026 at 12.00.Pm.**

Sd/- Principal | **Sd/- Managing Trustee/Secretary, PVP WT.**

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of **Karnataka Bank Limited,** under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **03.01.2026** calling upon the borrower/mortgagor/guarantor– **(1) M/s Karavali Koli Mane,** Represented by its Proprietor, Mr. Prakash Shetty S addresed at: No.272, 12th Cross, Opp BTS Bus Stop, Wilson Garden Bangalore-560027 **(2) Mr. Prakash Shetty S** S/o Mr.Sanjeeva Shetty K **(3) Mrs.Shyamala P Shetty** W/o Prakash Shetty S Both 2 & 3 are Residing at :.No. 310, SLS Sarovar Apartment, Sir M Visveshwaraiah Layout, Virupakshapura, Kodigehalli, Bangalore-560097 to repay an aggregate amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.44,09,297.99 [Rupees Forty Four Lakh Nine Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Seven and Paise Ninety Nine only] i.e Rs. 28,20,359.61 under PSOD A/c No.0987000600231901 along with future interest from 01.01.2026, Rs.10,12,959.38 under TL A/c No.0987001600619301 along with future interest from 13.12.2025 and Rs. 5,75,979.00 under TL A/c No. 0987001600629601 along with future interest from 30.12.2025 Plus Cost** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/ guarantor/mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/ guarantor/mortgagor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this **27th day of March 2026.**

The borrower/ guarantor/mortgagor/legal heirs in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property mentioned herein below and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Karnataka Bank Ltd., Bengaluru – Sarakki Layout Branch** for an aggregate amount of **Rs.45,28,224.63 [Rupees Forty Five Lakh Twenty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Four and Paise Sixty Three only] i.e Rs. 28,97,361.25 under PSOD A/c No. 0987000600231901 along with future interest from 01.03.2026 , Rs. 10,41,106.38 under TL A/c No.0987001600619301 along with future interest from 13.03.2026 and Rs. 5,89,757.00 under TL A/c No. 0987001600629601 along with future interest from 28.02.2026 Plus Cost.**

Your attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.]

Description of the Immovable Property

All that part and parcel of **Residential Flat bearing No.310,** in the 3rd Floor, Block 'A' of Multi Storied residential building known as **"SLS Sarovar"** built in land bearing BBMP Khata No. 1510, 45/4 & 46/1, converted Sy.No. 45/4 and 46/1 of Thindlu Village, Yelhanka Hobli, Bangalore with super built up area of 1012 Sq ft with UDS Portion of 517 Sq ft along with one covered car parking area belonging to **Mr. Prakash Shetty S.**

Boundaries of property as per Document & Actual: Sy.No.45/4:
East by : Sy.No.46, **West by :** Remaining Portion of Sy.No.46, **North by :** Sy.No.45/3, **South by :** Sy.No.45/1,6,5. **Sy.No.46/1: East by :** Remaining Portion of Sy.No.46, **West by :** Sy.No.45, **North by :** Sy.No.36, **South by :** Sy.No.46/2.
Boundaries of Flat: East by : Door, **West by :** Open to Sky, **North by:** Flat No.311, **South by:** Flat No.309.

Place: Bengaluru | **Sd/- Assistant General Manager & Authorised Officer**
Date: 27.03.2026 | **For Karnataka Bank Ltd.,**

PUBLIC NOTICE

FOR LOST DOCUMENT

My client Gangaraju. S.N, S/o Late Narasimhaiah, Aged about 62 years, Residing at No 17, Sonappanahalli Village, Bettahalasuru (Post), Jala Hobli, Yelahnaka Taluk, Bangalore-562157. Has Irretrievable lost the Original Sale deed Bearing BNG (U)-YLNK/8340/1997-98 Executed by Sri. E. Munishamappa in favour of Sri. Gangaraju dated 31/03/1998 consisting of 14 pages. My client have lodged the complaint for the lost of Article on 30/03/2026, the Bangalore city police have issued the Acknowledgement bearing No. 2131276/2026 for the same.

Any person/persons found that said Sale deed please come forward with in **7 days** for the date of Publication of the notice and hand over the same to the under signed, will be suitably rewarded. If anyone has already carried out any transaction or any transaction is in process of being carried out using the missing document. Kindly inform the undersigned party in writing at the below mentioned address within **07 days** from the paper publication Else there won't be any further claims from thereon.

H. Anand, AVM Law Associates
Venkateshwara Complex,
Behind Mannapuram Gold Finance,
B.B Road, Yelahnaka, Bangalore-560064.
Mob No. 8553776888

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **Sri. DHRUVAKUMAR G.,** S/o. B.H. Gopala Reddy, aged about 39 years, residing at No.17/1, Sarjapura Road, HDFC Bank Road, Ambalipura Bellandur Gate, HSR Layout, Bengaluru - 560102, AADHAAR No.555472756926. PAN: CGCPD1135M, wish to state and inform the following to the public at large.

1) I am the father of my minor daughter Ms. Advika D. Reddy, aged about 10 years.
2) My daughter, Ms. Advika D. Reddy, was born on 14/12/2015 to me and my wife, Smt. Divya Shree. Ms. Advika D. Reddy holds Aadhaar No.8701 5634 1751 and Passport No.B7172671.
3) I state that the name of my daughter is be changed from **Ms. Advika D. Reddy** to **Ms. Advikaa D. Reddy**. Henceforth, my daughter, previously known as **Ms. Advika D. Reddy**, shall be known, called, and identified as **Ms. Advikaa D. Reddy**.
4) This change of name of my daughter from **Ms. Advika D. Reddy** to **Ms. Advikaa D. Reddy** shall be applicable for all purposes, including but not limited to all records, documents, and proceedings.
5) I state that both the names i.e. the old name **Ms. Advika D. Reddy** and changed / new name **Ms. Advikaa D. Reddy**, refer to one and the same person, i.e., my daughter.
6) I have also executed an Affidavit dated 28/03/2026 to declare and confirm the change of name of my daughter from **Ms. Advika D. Reddy** to **Ms. Advikaa D. Reddy.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my clients **Varun Thimmegowda S/o. T. Thimmegowda** Aadhaar No. 3833 5252 3271, residing at No. 49, 5th B Cross, 8th Block, BDA Layout, Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage Bengaluru -560072 and **Vikas Subramani S/o. M. Subramani,** Aadhaar No. 6938 8832 9048, residing at No. 27, 3rd A Cross, M M Road Kacharakanahalli Bengaluru-560084, intend to purchase the below mentioned Item No. 1 & 2 of Schedule Property from its owners, **Sri. S. Ajith Kumar Pai S/o Late B.Sreenivasa Pai**, who acquired the same under Sale deed No. 5041/1994-95 dated 25.11.1994 and Sale deed No.5040/1994-95 dated 25.11.1994, both registered in the Sub Registrar, Yelahanka-SRO. Any interested/affected person/s claiming or asserting his/her/their any kind of right, title, interest, ownership, charge, Litigation or demand of any nature whatsoever in or upon the Schedule Property or any part thereof, must notify the undersigned/may be contacted at the office address given below in writing with documentary proof thereof pertains to the Item No.1 & 2 of Schedule Property within **14 days** from the date of this publication, failing which such claim shall be considered to have been unconditionally waived and/of given up and our client shall be entitled to complete sale transaction in respect of the Item No.1 & 2 of Schedule Property or any part thereof. objections and/or claims received after the expiry of the stipulated above shall not binding on our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of the immovable **Property bearing Vacant Site No.6, BBMP Khatha No.280/94/1/06, E-PID No.2737359212,** in a Layout formed in Sy.No.96/3, Situated at **Jakkur Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore Urban District,** Measuring **East to West 50 Feet and North to South 70 Feet, in all measuring 3500 Square Feet or 325.158 Square Meters** and along with building constructed thereon and bounded on.

East by: Site No.7,West by : Site No.5, North by : Road, South by: Private Property.

Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of the immovable **Property bearing Vacant Site No.7, BBMP Khatha No.279/94/1/07, E-PID No.2608825276** in a Layout formed in Sy.No.96/3, Situated at **Jakkur Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore Urban District,** Measuring **East to West 63+57/2 Feet and North to South 70 Feet, in all measuring 4200 Square Feet or 390.19 Square Meters** and along with building constructed thereon and bounded on.

East by: Road, West by : Site No.6,North by : Road, South by : Private Property.

Mahesha HK, Advocate
Office No. 12, 1st Floor, Building No. 162/2, J.J. Complex , Vijayangara, Sub Registrar office Building, 18th Cross, M.C. Layout, Vijayangar, Bengaluru -560040 **Mobile No. 9845891477**
Varun Thimmegowda - Mobile : 9611978462
Vikash Subramani - Mobile : 7259574444

Andhra Pradesh State FiberNet Limited

APSFL

Proposals are invited from interested agencies for the Request for Proposal **(RFP)** for Selection of an AMC service provider for the CISCO electronic equipment commissioned under the APSFL network. Details of the RfP and corrigenda may be downloaded from e-procurement platform **tender.apeprocurement.gov.in**

Sd/- Managing Director

DIPR No.4949PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22, Dt.31/03/2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that my client Smt. Saraswathi B.G, W/o Ramesh M, aged about 53 years, residing at No.203, DS-MAX Silhoute Apartment, Bharath Nagar 1st Stage, Magadi Main Road, Bengaluru-560091, she intended to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from its absolute owner ie , Smt P. Leelavathi, W/o. Sri. K N Gopal, #59, C R Layout, 3rd Cross, J P Nagara l Phase, Bengaluru-560078.

Schedule Property: All that piece and parcel of the Vacant Site bearing No. 23, and house list no 23, khatha No 1915/1815/A, situated at Sunkadakatte Gramathana, Yashwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk formed by The Malleshwaram Tailoring Co-operative Society Limited, Bengaluru. Now this property falls under the limits of Ward No:26 of Hegganahalli, (Survey No. 4/9, 2nd Main Road, 15th Cross Road, Hoysala Nagara, Sunkadakatte, Bengaluru - 560091) within the West Zone of the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) with BBMP EPID NO 1007809338. The property is measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 32.5 feet, totally measuring 1300 square feet and bounded on the East by: Road West by: Site No.28 North by: Site No. 22 South by: Site No. 24.

Any person(s) having any objection, claim, or interest over the said Schedule Property should submit their objection along with original supporting documents to the undersigned within **15 (fifteen) days** from the date of publication of this notice. If no claims or objections are received within the stipulated period, it will be deemed that the schedule property is free from all sorts of disputes and encumbrances, and my client shall proceed with the purchase of the schedule property.

T.R. Nagabhushana, Advocate,
No.29, 3rd Cross, Subedarpalya,
Yeshwanthapura, Bengaluru-560022.
Mobile: 9880037435.

Bengaluru Date: 31/03/2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that my clients M/S. Celebrity Global Homes Private Limited, No. 54/4, Bidaraguppe Village, Attibele, Sarjapura Main Road, Bidaraguppe, Anekal, Bengaluru - 562107 ("Client"), intends to Purchase the schedule properties herein below mentioned ("Schedule Properties") from its present owners.

Any person, institution, bank, or authority having any claim, right, title, interest, lien, dispute or objection whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property is hereby called upon to submit the same along with clear documentary proof substantiating the same with clear explanation to the undersigned within **seven (7) days** from the date of publication of this notice. If no objections or claims or details of the disputes with clear proof of documents are received within the period stipulated above, it shall be presumed that there are no claims or objections or disputes whatsoever against the Schedule Properties, and my Client shall proceed with the aforesaid transaction without any further reference to such claims, if any, arising later and no claims or disputes shall be entertained thereafter and my Client and their successors shall not be responsible and liable for the same.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

Item No. 1: All that piece and parcel of the Site/Plot bearing **No. 95, bearing E-Khata No: 184/95 and Property ID No. 150200102701000189, measuring East to West 15.24 Mts. (50 Sq. Ft.) and North to South 24.384 Mts. (80 Sq. Ft.) totally measuring 371.612 Sq. Mt. or 4,000 Sq. Ft., situated in the BEML Layout,** S. Medahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District, and bounded on the : -

East By : Site. No. 94, **West By** : Site. No. 96, **North By** : Road, **South By** : Site. No. 106

Item No. 2: All that piece and parcel of the Site/Plot bearing **No. 94, bearing E-Khata No. 184/94 and Property ID No. 150200102701000188, measuring East to West 15.24 Mts. (50 Sq. Ft.) and North to South 24.384 Mts. (80 Sq. Ft.), totally measuring 371.612 Sq. Mt. or 4,000 Sq. Ft., situated in the BEML Layout,** S. Medahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District, and bounded on the : -

East By : Site. No. 93, **West By** : Site. No. 95, **North By** : Road, **South By** : Site. No. 107

Sd/- Manjunath C, Managing Partner
Aryasumantra Legal Advisors LLP
Unit No. 302, 3rd Floor, Sterling Heights, No. 139, Infantry Road (Bhagwan Mahaveer Road), Bengaluru - 560001
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Phone: 080 4953 0634 | +91 8197417444
Date: 31.03.2026 Place: Bengaluru

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ROBERT H SCHULLER

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby notified that my client **Mr. DAMODAR. S,** S/o. Sri. D. SAMBHAJI RAO, Residing at No.1632, Near Parvathamma Convention Hall, Sir.M.Vishweswaraiah Layout, 7th Block, Muddinapalya, Vishwaneedam Post, Bengaluru-560 091, has agreed to purchase and enter into Agreement of Sale, Dt:11-01-2026, Vide e-Stamp Certificate No.IN-KA47991267148200Y from its owner **Smt. M.H JOTHILAKSHMI** W/o Sri. M. Muniraju Residing at No.34/4, "Rajarajeshwari Nilaya", 3rd Cross, Behind Rajarajeshwari Talkies, Mallathahalli, Bengaluru-560 056, in respect of immovable below mention schedule Property.

Apart from the said owner" if any other person/Association/Bank/s have any manner of rights, title, interest or ownership or claim or Charge or lien over the schedule Property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the schedule Property by the aforesaid owner/owners, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the photo copies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned within **7(Seven) days** from the date of paper publication of this notice, objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my client then we will proceed sale transaction with our Seller.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the Residential House property bearing No.5116/38/2/25, E-PID No.1068640948, Old Site No.25, Situated at 2nd Cross, 10th Main Road, Adarsha Layout, Jnanajyothi Nagar, Mallathahalli, Bengaluru-560 056, Old Site No.25, B.B.M.P. Ward No.129, Formed in Assessment No.38/2, Old No.38 of Mallathahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, Measuring East to West: 40-0 Feet, North to South 60 Feet, totally measuring 2400 Sq Feet, 2 Sq A.C.Sheet house constructed thereon, having Vitrified flooring, jungle wood used for windows and doors and bounded on: **East by:** Site No.26, **West by:** Site No.24, **North by:** Site No.32, **South by:** Road.

P.V. SHIVAKUMAR & ASSOCIATES
Advocate
No.133, 1st Main Road, 1st Block, 2nd Stage, Opp.Sub-Registrar Office, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru-560 072, Mobile No.9900825901/ 9844376131.

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GREATER VISAKHAPATNAM SMART CITY CORPORATION LIMITED (GVSCCL)

Ref. No: GVSCCL/Projects/395 (Pkg-II Balance works)/2025-26; dated: 30/03/2026

TENDER NOTICE

GVSCCL desires to invite the tender for the project Sewerage Package 2 balance works (phase-I, Gajuwaka area)- "Investigation Survey, Design, Construction & Commissioning of Sewerage collection and Conveyance system in Gajuwaka area with 2 years O&M". The detailed tender documents can be downloaded from website of https://apeprocurement.gov.in/ from 30/03/2026 onwards. **The last date for online submission of bids is 18/04/2026 upto 04:00 PM**

For more details contact contact: E-mail:**visakhapatnamsmartcity@gvsccl.in** Mobile No. **9848308824**

Sd/- MD & CEO, GVSCCL

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA-DEPARTMENT OF SPACE CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE GROUP, SDSC –SHAR SRIHARIKOTA-524124

Brief E-TENDER NOTICE

No:SHAR: CMG CIVIL:MAINT:E-PT-19/25-26 **Dt: 30.03.2026**

On behalf of President of India, Item Rate tenders are invited through e-tendering for following works;

Name of Work	Tender No	Estimate Cost
AMC for Civil & PH works in Keepakkam area, SDSC for year 2026	T/C-25-067	₹ 97.32 Lakhs

Tender documents can be downloaded up to **13.04.2026, 14:30** hrs. For eligibility criteria and other details, interested tenderers may please refer to the detailed bilingual (Hindi-English) Notice Inviting Tenders (NIT) on the website **https://www.isro.gov.in/Tenders.html** and tender free view at **https://www.tenderwizard.com/isro**

Sd/- GROUP HEAD, CMG/ SDSC SHAR

TELANGANA TRADE PROMOTION CORPORATION LTD.

TGTPC

(Formerly TSTPC Ltd.) (An Undertaking of Government of Telangana)
Regd.Off.: 5-10-174, Shakkar Bhavan, 2nd Floor, Fateh Maidan Road, Hyderabad-500 004. Telangana, India.
Tel: +91 040-23237591 Email: info@tgtpc.org, https://tgtpc.telangana.gov.in CIN: U74991TG2014SGC095847

TGTPC/TENDER/GOVT-CONVNB/2026 Date. 31.03.2026

SHORT TENDER NOTICE

(Through e-procurement portal of Government of Telangana only)

Telangana Trade Promotion Corporation Ltd, Hyderabad invites e-Tenders from reputed Conversion Units for manufacture of exercise note books for SS & PH SHREE and Government Welfare Departments / Institutions for the year 2026-27.

Tenders can be viewed and downloaded from the Website: **https://tender.telangana.gov.in (TNN: *TGTPC/TENDER/GOVT-CONVNB/2026)*** from 11.00 AM onwards on 01.04.2026 and last date & time for submission of tenders: 2.00 PM on 08.04.2026 for further details can be had from TGTPC Office during working hours. Mobile No.9110505855.

DIPR R.O. No. : 1299-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2025-26, Dt: 31-03-2026 **Sd/- MANAGING DIRECTOR**

BENGALURU CENTRAL CITY CORPORATION

Office of the Joint Commissioner, Zone-1, Mayo Hall, Mayo Hall Premises, Bengaluru-560001

No.: BCCC/JC-1/TEND/13/ 2025-26 **Date: 31.03.2026**

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER

(Only through KPPP Portal) Two Cover System

The Joint Commissioner (Zone-1), BCCC, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible contractors from registered in Bengaluru Central City Corporation or equivalent registration with Labour Department or any State Government Organizations for the work as detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the work
1	Providing Outsourcing Skilled Employees to Public Relation Office Section of Bengaluru Central City Corporation. **EMD (in Rs.): 1,00,000/-, Period of Completion: 2 Year.**

Time Schedule: (1) Tender document may be downloaded from the KPPP Portal of the Government of Karnataka from **04.04.2026**. **(2)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **09.04.2026** at **4:00 p.m.** in the office of the Joint Commissioner-1, BCCC, Residency Road, Mayohal Premises, Bengaluru. **(3)** Tenders must be submitted online through kppp portal on or before **4:00 p.m.** on **17.04.2026** and the opening of tenders will be as per e-procurement portal guidelines. **(4)** Technical Bids will be opened on the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** in the office of the Joint Commissioner zone-1, BCCC, Bengaluru on **21.04.2026** at **4.00 p.m.** Further details can be obtained from the above office during working hours or from the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-, Joint Commissioner, Zone-1, BCCC

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank | Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Kolla Srinivasa Setty Nagasanjay/ Kolla Sharada Sanjay/ K S Nagendra Prakash/ LBBNG00005983722/ LBBNG00005990344	Schedule 'A' Property Item No.1 All That Piece and Parcel of The Immovable Property Bearing Janjar No.641, Property No.42, Situated In Doddakallsandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently In Bbmp Ward No.197 Limits With Khatha No.184/641/42, Measuring East To West: (82'-0" +83'-0")/2 Feet and North To South: (90'-0" +57'-0")/2 Feet, In All Measuring 6063.75 Sq.ft., Together With All Rights, Appurtenances Whatsoever Whether Underneath or Above The Surface And Bounded On:- East By: Property of Pillappa and Narayanappa, West By: Bank Officer's Layout 30 Feet Road, North By: Property of S.L. Mohan and, South By: Property of L. Padmaprakash, Item No.2 All That Piece and Parcel of The Immovable Property Bearing Kaneshumari No.25 and 26, Situated In Doddakallsandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently In Bbmp Ward No.197 Limits With Khatha No.146/517/5/1B, Measuring East To West: 70'-0" Feet and North to South: 60'-0" Feet, In All Measuring 4200 Sq.ft., Together With All Rights, Appurtenances Whatsoever Whether Underneath or Above The Surface And Bounded On:- East: Property Bearing Kaneshumari No.26, West By: Road, North By: Property Bearing Bbmp No.184/641/42 Kaneshumari No.24, South By: Remaining Property, Item No.3 All That Piece And Parcel of The Immovable Property Bearing Kaneshumari No.35 and 112, Situated In Doddakallsandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently In Bbmp Ward No.197 Limits With Khatha No. 150/517/4/91/2B, Measuring East To West: 100-0" Feet And North To South: 43'-0" Feet, In All Measuring 4300 Sq.ft., Together With All Rights, Appurtenances Whatsoever Whether Underneath or Above The Surface And Bounded On:- East By: Remaining Property Bearing Kaneshumari No.112, West By : Road, North By: Private Property, South By: Property Bearing Bbmp No.184/641/42 Kaneshumari No.24, The Above Property Khathas Are Clubbed Vide No. DA/1/KTR/501/2011-12 Dated 18.02.2012 By The Assistant Revenue Officer Uttarahalli Sub-Division Bbmp As Khatha No.146/517/5/1B. Schedule 'B' Property Residential Apartment Bearing No.303 In The 3rd Floor of "Elegant Paradise" Measuring Super Build Up Area 3000 Sq.feet Inclusive of Share In The Common Area Passage, Lift, Staircase, Community Hall Cum Gym and Other Areas of Common Use With 2 Car Parking Constructed In The Basement of The Schedule 'A' Property, Together With Proportionate Un-divided Share, Right, Title And Interest, Equivalent To 840 Sq.feet., In The Schedule 'a' Property./ Date of Symbolic Possession On/26/03/2026.	13.01.2026 Rs. 1,02,59,553.52/-	Bangalore
2.	Ravikumar Channaiah/ LBBNG00006482480/ TBBNG00006443289	As Described In The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering All That Piece And Parcel of The Property Bearing Site No.1, New Bbmp Katha No.110/1, Old Katha No.110, Situated at Anjanapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Now Comes Under The Limits of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore. (Admeasuring An Area of East to West: 60-0 Feet, North To South : 40-0 Feet, In All Measuring: 2400 Square Feet) Bounded By: North: Private Property South: 30 Feet Road East: Site No. 2 West: 30 Feet Road./ Date of Symbolic Possession On/26/03/2026.	18.12.2024 Rs. 98,15,709.86/-	Bangalore

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: April 01, 2026
Place: Bangalore

Sincerely Authorised Officer
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

Can Fin Homes Ltd

Can Fin Homes Ltd (Sponsor: Canara Bank)

Kengeri Branch

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POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8 (1)]

(For Immovable Property)

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers under the said Act and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated **02-12-2024** calling upon the borrowers **Mr. Devaraju K and Mrs.Shobha,** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 10,59,087/-** (Rupees Ten Lakhs Fifty Nine Thousand and Eighty Seven Only) with further interest at contractual rates, till date of realization within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 (of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002) on this **27thday of March of the year 2026.**

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Can Fin Homes Ltd for an amount of **Rs.10,59,087/-** (Rupees Ten Lakhs Fifty-Nine Thousand and Eighty Seven Only) and interest thereon.

Description of immovable property

All that piece and parcel of the Site No. 13, Katha No. 118, Assessment No. 118/1A, Situated at Chikkabanavara Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet, Totally measuring 1200 Sq., Ft., with Built House.,

Bounded On: East by: Site No. 12, West by: Site No. 14, South by: 25 feet Road, North by: Other's Property.

Date: 31.03.2026
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Ltd.,

90% Cumulative recovery rate of security receipts Asset reconstruction companies (ARCs) are likely to see in the upcoming fiscal, a rise of 700 basis points, says a Crisil report

New Income Tax Act: What changes for taxpayers from today

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

WITH the new Income-tax Act, 2025 and the Finance Bill, 2026 coming into effect from April 1, 2026, both individual and corporate taxpayers will have to familiarise themselves with a host of new provisions and compliance requirements. The law brings a comprehensive overhaul, with sections and forms renumbered and the concept of assessment year replaced by tax year.

For individual taxpayers, a key change is expansion of house rent allowance (HRA) benefits, with Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Pune and Ahmedabad classified under 50% exemption category, on a par with metro cities. It enhances benefits for salaried taxpayers by increasing the children's education allowance from ₹100 to ₹3,000 a month per child (up to 2 children), and children's hostel allowance from ₹300 to ₹9,000 a month per child, aligning exemptions with current costs.

"New Form 124 seeks additional details for HRA deduction such as relationship with the landlord and a copy of the rent agreement. Many people

who were paying rent to spouses or parents will come under scrutiny to check whether the recipient is declaring rental income," said Ashish Niraj, Partner at A S N & Company, Chartered Accountants.

For the salaried class, the Act revises valuation of perks and allowances. The taxable value of employer-provided cars has been significantly increased—from ₹2,700/₹3,300 a month to ₹8,000/₹10,000 a month, depending on engine capacity—resulting in a higher taxable salary. However, the exemption for employer-provided gifts has been raised from ₹5,000 to ₹15,000 per annum, offering some relief.

In terms of compliance, Form No. 130 will replace the widely used Form 16 for salary TDS, while multiple property-related TDS forms (26QB and 26QC) have been consolidated into a single Form No. 141.

The Finance Bill, recently passed in Parliament, has introduced several changes, including shifting buyback taxation from companies to shareholders at applicable income tax rates, along with an additional tax on promoters. It provides for an extension of the revised return filing timeline, rationalisation of deduction rules for employee welfare fund contributions, and simplification of TCS rates under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme—indicating a broader intent to reduce procedural friction.

GOVT DROPS ₹10L CAP ON E-COMM EXPORTS

NEW DELHI: WITH an aim to boost e-commerce exports, especially by MSMEs, the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) announced on Tuesday it will remove the ₹10 lakh cap on courier-based export consignments. CBIC also took other measures like introduction of return to origin mechanism for unclaimed imports, simplification of process to return uncleared courier imports beyond 15 days to to strengthen India's e-commerce export ecosystem. *ENS*

Sebi bans Elitecon, execs for share price manipulation

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

THE Securities and Exchange Board on Monday banned Elitecon International, which is into FMCG and tobaccos, and five of its top officials, including its managing director Vipin Sharma, following allegations of market manipulation and misleading disclosures in a 'pump-and-dump' case.

In an ex-parte interim order, Sebi also impounded ₹51.3 crore of alleged unlawful gains and has frozen the company's accounts. Sebi said it will conduct a detailed investigation, including appointment of a forensic auditor. The decision arose from a probe into Elitecon's trading activities, revealing prima facie evidence of investor misinformation and inflated share prices. Sebi said Elitecon misled investors by suppressing significant negative developments such as GST-related proceedings, while releasing only positive financial disclosures. Such actions, according to Sebi, manipulated market sentiment and exploited investor interests. Sebi has frozen the bank and demat accounts of those involved pending further investigation.

Sebi said the company created manufactured growth by hiding bad news. The company's market cap stood at nearly ₹7,734 crore as of March 20. The interim order follows a detailed investigation into allegations of misrepresentation and market manipulation, which revealed a prima facie case of a fraudulent scheme designed to induce retail interest and provide an exit to promoter and connected entities, the regulator said.

CORPORATE

'Iran war may cause short-term liquidity crunch'

SANAL SUDEVAN @ Chennai

THE continuation of the conflict in the Gulf region may result in short-term liquidity issues for Finnish elevator manufacturer KONE's India unit. However, exports have not been impacted as they are largely routed through China and Finland.

Speaking to *TNIE*, Amit Gossain, MD of KONE India, said: "If the war continues, there will be short-term liquidity issues. We have a big setup in Dubai so it is partly managed. The rest of the exports are from China and Finland. The Indian unit exports mostly to South Asian nations." KONE India exports machines to the US that are manufactured in India. He said trade will stabilise faster than expected if the war comes to an end.

He spoke about the recent elevator safety code introduced by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS). The new IS 17900 code was implemented on December 22, 2025. He said KONE India has sold nearly 1,000 elevators in three months since the new rules were rolled out. "We can't draw conclusions within three months of the rollout of safety codes on whether products meet the standards. We will have to wait another 5–7 years to understand the real impact," he said, adding that one of the safety features of its products is 24/7 connected services.

Airfares rise sharply, may hit summer travel demand

Fares may rise further in coming weeks as ATF prices undergo revision

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

AIRLINES have raised their ticket prices sharply amid West Asia conflict, which has resulted in fewer options on longer routes, surge in jet fuel prices, imposition additional fuel surcharge and removal of fare caps by the government.

One-way non-stop airfares in economy class between New Delhi and Rome have skyrocketed to ₹142,000 from ₹36,500 a month ago. Airfares have gone up in the domestic market as well, especially between key metro and holiday destinations. Spot airfare from Bengaluru to Delhi, which normally comes at around ₹6,000-7,000, has surged above ₹8,000 level. From Kolkata to Mumbai, the same has gone up from ₹5,500 to ₹6,800.

Rajiv Mehra, general secretary, the Federation of Associations in Indian Tourism & Hospitality (FAITH), said on key metro routes such as Delhi-Mumbai, Delhi-Jaipur and Mumbai-Chennai fares have risen 15-20%. However, fares are more pronounced in last-minute bookings, where fares in some cases go up by 25-40%, and on some leisure routes like Goa or Srinagar, a major increase has been noticed.

Mehra added that international airfares are up even though the demand is muted as only essential travels are happening at this point. Fares are expected to rise further in the coming weeks as aviation turbine fuel (ATF) prices undergo another revision. Given fuel accounts for nearly 35-45% of an airline's operating costs, even marginal increases can lead to rise in ticket prices.

The impact of rising airfares on tourism sector is expected to be significant, mainly in the leisure travel segment...We are seeing a lot of cancellations — Rajiv Mehra, general secretary, FAITH

"The impact of rising airfares on the tourism sector is expected to be significant, mainly in leisure travel segment...We are seeing a lot of cancellations. Destinations that are perceived as more affordable or accessible such as Southeast Asia or domestic hill stations are likely to benefit from this redistribution of demand. The war has led to a lot of cancellations for western destinations and the US region."

A spokesperson at Cleartrip stated the USA stands out as the costliest overseas destination. Similarly, fares to popular European summer spots such as France, Greece, and Italy have increased. The spokesperson added that there has been a significant demand towards short-haul international trips. This has led to a huge surge in bookings for places like Almaty in Kazakhstan, as well as Thailand and Malaysia.

Gold tumbles 13%, silver declines 26% in March as Fed rate cut hopes fade

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

DESPITE heightening uncertainties amid West Asia war the safe-haven demand for the precious metals is missing. Gold lost more than 13%, while silver lost much more 26% in March, making it the worst monthly correction since September 2011.

Even as there is a marginal 1% rise in prices on Tuesday on hopes of a de-escalation in the Iran war, gold is set for the worst month in more than 17 years as higher energy prices dimmed hopes for a US interest rate cut this year.

Spot gold was up 0.9% on Tuesday at $4,567.30 an ounce, at 1600 hrs on CME, while on the MCX, the metal for April 2, delivery was down 0.41% or ₹590 at ₹145,051 for 10 grams. Spot silver, on the other hand, was up 3.6% at $73.12 an ounce on the CME and was flat at ₹229,033/kg on the MCX.

Gold had scaled to a record of $5,600 for an ounce or 28.35 grams on January 28, 2026. On the other hand, silver which more than doubled in 2025 rose

another 85% in January to touch a peak of $123/ounce on January 28, 2026. But both metals plunged the next day on profit taking, with silver plunging 31% and gold falling 13%.

For March, the white metal dropped 26% from their early-month peak due to a stronger dollar.

Traders said gold and silver bounced in early trade after US president Donald Trump told aides he is willing to end the US military campaign against Iran even if the Strait of Hormuz remains closed, the Wall Street Journal reported on Monday. That triggered a risk-on response from financial markets according to traders.

Bullion is weighed down by a stronger dollar and fading expectations of a US interest rate cut this year.

INDIA SEMICONDUCTOR MISSION

PM INAUGURATES KAYNES SEMICON FACILITY IN SANAND

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday inaugurated Kaynes Semicon's outsourced semiconductor assembly and test (OSAT) facility at Sanand.

The project, approved by the Union Cabinet on September 23, 2024, under the India Semiconductor Mission, involves an investment of ₹3,300 crore. The facility will handle testing and packaging of semiconductor chips before they are supplied to the market.

"With the commencement of production in this project, India is further strengthening its role as a reliable semiconductor supplier in the global market. In a sense, a new bridge has emerged today between Sanand and Silicon Valley; the plant in Sanand is now supplying Intelligent Power Modules to a company based in California," the prime minister said.

Modi said India launched the Semiconductor Mission

in 2021 as more than just an industrial policy, describing it as a declaration of the country's confidence.

"India launched Semiconductor Mission 2 in the last Budget to make the country self-reliant in every sector of production," he added.

The plant is expected to produce 60 lakh chips a day and cater to a wide range of sectors, including industrial applications, automotive, electric vehicles, consumer electronics, telecom, and mobile phones.

Karnataka-based Kaynes Technology, through its subsidiary Kaynes Semicon, had applied to set up the OSAT facility under the government's semiconductor mission.

Under the India Semiconductor Mission, the government has so far approved 10 major semiconductor manufacturing projects, with a cumulative investment of about ₹1.60 lakh crore across six states. Earlier this year, a semiconductor facility by Micron Technology was inaugurated in the same region.

ASIANOMICS

CHINA

FACTORIES LOG FASTEST GROWTH IN A YEAR

China's factory activity grew at the fastest pace in a year in March, underpinned by improved demand, an official survey showed on Tuesday, a welcome relief for an economy grappling with global supply chain strains and energy market volatility. The stronger reading eases pressure on policymakers, though its durability is in doubt as surging energy prices driven by the Middle East war, and heightened growth risks, pose fresh headwinds for manufacturers reliant on exports and operating on thin margins. The official manufacturing purchasing managers' index (PMI) rose to 50.4 from 49.0 in February, above the 50-threshold and hitting the highest point in 12 months, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) data showed. The manufacturing PMI contracted for most of 2025 and the first two months of 2026. China's goods exports continued to power growth in January and February after last year's record $1.2 trillion trade surplus.

JAPAN

SIGNALS NEAR-TERM INTEREST RATE HIKE

Japan stepped up yen intervention threats and signalled that further falls in the currency could justify a near-term interest rate hike as policymakers grow increasingly concerned about inflationary pressures from the Middle East war. In the strongest warning yet of yen-buying intervention, Japan's top currency diplomat Atsushi Mimura said on Monday authorities may need to take "decisive" steps if speculative moves persist in currency market. It was the first time Mimura, who oversees Japan's currency policy, used the term "decisive" - language traders typically read as a signal of authorities' readiness to intervene. Markets have been rattled this month after the Iran war effectively shut the Strait of Hormuz, a chokepoint for about a fifth of global oil and gas flows, driving up crude oil prices and demand for the safe-haven dollar.

MALAYSIA

ECONOMY TO GROW 4-5% IN 2026

Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) estimates Malaysia's economy to grow in the range of 4-5% this year as against 5.2% registered in 2025, with the country's domestic resilience and diversified export structure continuing to provide buffer to navigate the current external headwinds mainly from conflict in West Asia. Household spending, expanding investment and global demand, particularly for electrical and electronics (E&E) exports, alongside steady tourism amid Visit Malaysia 2026 and Malaysia's position as a net energy exporter, are expected to help the country navigate ongoing geoeconomic shifts, which represent evolving structural changes with long-term implications. Delving into the sectoral details, the BNM Economic and Monetary Review 2025 released today, reported that the services sector, which contributed 59.6% to the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) which is expected to grow at 5.2% this year (2025: 5.5%).

Intermediary clause removal brings GST relief for IT cos

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

IN a relief for India's IT services exporters, the Centre has scrapped contentious "intermediary" clause under the Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST) Act through the Finance Act, 2026, a move expected to ease long-standing tax disputes and unlock refunds.

The amendment addresses a key pain point for IT/ITES firms, global capability centres (GCCs), and other cross-border service providers catering to overseas clients. Until now, services classified as intermediary were taxed based on the supplier's location in India, even if the end client was abroad. As a result, such services failed to qualify as exports, leading to denial of zero-rating benefits and GST refunds. "This provision had emerged as one of the most litigated areas, impacting IT/ITES sector, GCCs and cross-border service providers. By deeming export-oriented services as domestic supplies, it created a structural inconsistency that resulted in avoidable tax costs, refund denial and prolonged disputes," said Manoj Mishra, partner, Grant Thornton Bharat.

Sammaan Capital to diversify into credit segments

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

SAMMAAN Capital, formerly Indiabulls Finance, which has been a pure-play mortgage lender all these years, will be entering into other credit segments including retail loans as it enters a new growth phase under the ownership of the Abu Dhabi-based International Holding Company (IHC).

In a statement on Tuesday, the Gagan Banga-founded company said the UAE-group, which is the largest listed company in the Emirate with a market capitalisation of $239 billion, has become the promoter of the company effective Tuesday, upon a preferential allotment of 41.5% equity shares and warrants to Avenir Investment, an affiliate of IHC.

BIZ EXPANSION

1. Sammaan receives initial ₹5,652 cr towards allotment of equity shares, warrants
2. RBI has approved the $ 1 bn investment for controlling stake last week
3. IHC open offer in 30 days at ₹139/share of Sammaan

The RBI has approved the $ 1 billion investment for a controlling stake last week

"Sammaan has received an initial tranche of ₹5,652 crore ($600 mn) towards the allotment of equity shares and warrants, with an additional ₹3,198 crore ($338 mn) to be received within 18 months upon conversion of the warrants into fully paid equity shares. Avenir will also launch and an open offer within the next 30 days at ₹139 a share of Sammaan. Upon completion of the open offer, and assuming full uptake in the open offer, IHC, through Avenir will hold 63.3% stake in Sammaan," the company said.

Sammaan will anchor IHC's India financial services business under its new global financial services platform, Judan Financial that manages over $235 billion of assets and aims to bring together its banking, fintech, and asset management interests across 13 countries. Sammaan will be consolidated as a core investment under Judan Financial within the IHC group.

Sammaan aims to be among the top three non-banks with a diversified portfolio by fiscal 2029, Banga said.

Gnani.ai raises $10 mn funding

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

BENGALURU-based voice AI start-up Gnani.ai has raised $10 million in the first tranche of its Series B funding round, led by Aavishkaar Capital. Existing investor Info Edge Ventures also taking part.

The company said the fresh funds will be used to expand its business globally, improve agentic AI products, build multilingual and sector-specific solutions, and hire engineering and product talent. Founded in 2016 by Ganesh Gopalan and Ananth Nagaraj, Gnani.ai said its platform currently handles 30 million voice interactions every day in 12 languages.

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
(Under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assests and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provisio to Rule 8 (6) of Security Intrest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the secured creditors the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore,** of the Canara will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on **22.04.2026 from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.** basis for recovery of outstanding dues from below mentioned Borrowes. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit is mentioned below.

Neme of Borrowers and Guarantors	Total Liabilities as per Sale Notice	Description of Immovable Assets	Auction Date & Time	Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Date	Incremetal Value at Bid
(1) M/s Sri Lakshmi Devamma Trust, Near Lakshmi devamma Temple, No. 35, Gungral Chatra Village, Yelwala Hobli, Mysore Taluk, Mysore, Karnataka-571130. **The Secretary : Mrs. Kavitha** W/o. Raghava BS, No. 219, KBL Enclave, Near SVEI School, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 2nd phase, Mysuru, Karnataka-570017. **The Trustee : Mr. Pradeep BM,** S/o. Manje Gowda BP, No. 993/1, Behind P& T Quarters, Shankarapura, Hassan-573201. **The President : Mr. Raghava B S,** S/o. Bharathisutha M, # 559, Gumbaz Road Ganjam, Srirangapatna, Mandya, Karnataka-571438. **The Vice President : Mr. Bharathisudha M,** S/o. Mariyamma M, No 559, 2nd Gumbaz Road, Ganjam, Srirangapatna Taluk, Mandya-570017. **The Trustee : Mrs. Sowmya ND,** D/o. Doreswamy NB, Nidudi Village, Doddapura, Hassan-573118.	**Rs. 2,08,68,594.55** (Rupees Two Crore Eight lakhs Sixty Eight Thousand Five hundred Ninety four and Fifty five Paisa only) as on 30.03.2026 plus further interest thereon and other expenses with direct and indirect liabilities due to Canara Bank from M/s Sri Lakshmi Devamma Trust.	Property at No.195 Property unique No. 152200401159020115 situated at Yelchahally Village, Yelwal Hobli, Mysuru Taluk, Mysuru land along with buildings there on measuring 3787 sq.mts. Owner of the property Sri Raghava B S. **bounded on : North :** KHB, **South :** Remaining Land, **East :** Property of Sy No 96/3 And **West :** KHB Road.	**22.04.2026 from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.**	**Reserve Price : Rs. 1,92,00,000/-** **EMD : Rs.19,20,000/-** **EMD Date :** on or before **21.04.2026**	Multiples of Rs. 1,00,000/- Encumbrance (s) : Not Known

Other terms and Conditions :

a. Auction / bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website **https://baanknet.com/** Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.
b. The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer.
c. The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process.
d. EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Wallet of **M/s. PSB Alliance Private Limited (BAANKNET)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan.
e. After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or **before 21.04.2026,** to Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore by hand or Email. i) Demand Draft/Pay order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT Acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No. ii) Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount. iii) Bid Form.
The intending bidders should register their names at portal **https://baanknet.com/** and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider, **M/s. PSB Alliance (BAANKNET) - e- mail: support.baanknet@psballiance.com,**
EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them. The EMD/Sale proceeds shall not carry any interest.
f. Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiplies of **Rs. 1,00,000/-.** The bidder who submits the highest bid (above the Reserve price) on closure of 'Online' auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor.
g. The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorized Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again. This amount shall be deposited by way of Demand draft in favour of Authorized Officer, Canara Bank, ARM II Branch OR shall be deposited through RTGS / NEFT / Fund Transfer to credit of account of Canara Bank, ARM II Branch, **A/c. No. 209272434, IFSC Code: CNRB0006298.**
h. For sale proceeds of **Rs. 50.00 Lacs** (Rupees Fifty Lacs only) and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at a rate 1% or as applicable rate on the sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the bank.
i. All charges for Conveyance, Stamp Duty/GST/Registration Charges tax arrears, other charges, dues etc., As applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only.
j. Authorised Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the E-auction without assigning any reason thereof.
k. In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating the E-auction, they can approach concerned Circle office or Canara Bank ARM II, who as a facilitating centre shall make necessary arrangements.
l. Bidder has to make due diligence and physical verification of property with regard to title, extent, area dues, etc. No claim subsequent to submission of bid shall be entertained by the bank.
m. After confirmation of sale, bidder's request cannot be accepted for refund of amount which is already paid and Bank will proceed as per SARFAESI Act.
For further details contact : Chief Manager, Canara Bank, ARM Branch-2 (9113092975, 8921102717, 9201460154, 9464534482, 8709675503 and 080-25310181) e-mail id – cb6298@canarabank.com OR the service provider M/s. PSB Alliance (BAANKNET) - e- mail: support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com

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Date : 31.03.2026
Place : Bengaluru
Sd/-Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

LOST OF DOCUMENTS

I, Chandrashekar.G , residing at House No. 11, 9th Cross, 1st Main Road, Valmiki Nagar, Bangalore -5600026, hereby inform to the public that, ,
The original purchase deed of the vacant site at Khaneshumari no.835, Basavanahalli village, Nelamangala taluk, Bangalore Rural District, purchased by my mother B.S. Sathyaprema from G.Prashanth and Dinesh, is registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Nelamangala, as Document No. N.M.G.-1-07647-2014-15 of the 1st Book, CD No. N.M.G.D.317, dated 6-11-2014. The said original purchase deed was accidentally lost on 02-03-2026 while waiting for the bus at Nelamangala bus stand to go from my sister's house to my house. If anyone finds these original purchase deed, please deliver them to the above address or inform to the mobile number : 9972923733.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby notified that my client **B.V. RAMEGOWDA,** S/o k. Venkatappa, Aged about 63 years, Residing at No. 236, 7th D Main, 4th Stage, 3rd Block, Basaveshwaranagar, BENGALURU 560 079, have lost the Original General Power of Attorney executed by Harish Rangaswamy and Venkatappa Nanjundram in transit. Sri Harish Rangaswamy was represented by me as his GPA holder for purchasing the property bearing Site No. 173, E Khatha No. 150200300100301136, measuring 2400 sq.ft situated at Kaggalipura Village Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk through Sale Deed, dated 7.4.2007. Likewise Sri Venkatappa Nanjundram was represented by me as his GPA holder for purchasing the property bearing Site No. 172, E Khatha No. 150200300100301135, measuring 2400 sq.ft, situated at Kaggalipura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk through Sale Deed, dated 7.4.2007. On the strength of the said GPA's, I have not misused the same for creating any charge nor sold the same to any third party. Any claim by any third party as the owner of the above said properties through on the strength of the said GPA can file their objection to the undersigned on or before 15 days from the date of this Notice. Any Finders of the Original GPA's will be suitable rewarded, if they submit the above Original document to the below mentioned address.

M.R. RAJINI, Advocate
No. 31, 1st A Cross, Doraisanipalya,
B.G. Road, BENGALURU 560 078
(M) 9535982832
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Canara Bank, ARM Branch I
केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)
2nd Floor, No. 86, Spencers Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore-560001.

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described Movable Property Mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the **Symbolic possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **08.05.2026 at 10:00 AM to 11:00AM,** for recovery of **Rs. 8,86,93,985.54** (Rupees Eight Crore Eighty Six Lakhs Ninety Three Thousands Nine Hundred Eighty-Five And Fifty Four Paisa Only) as on 30.03.2026 with further interest and cost thereon due to the ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from **Borrower (s) : 1) M/s. Prathista Engineering and Projects Pvt. Ltd.,** No. 15/1, 1st Floor, South End Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560004. **2) Shri. Narendra,** No. 1 70 1, Ramasamudram, Elakapalli, Chembakur, Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh-517417. **3) Shri. Rachineni Srinivasulu,** 748, Beddu Rachineni Veedhi, Vemapalli, Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh-560004. **4) Shri. Pawan Kumar .M,** No. 307/7, 23rd Cross, 6th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560082.

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of E-Wallet of **M/s. PSB Alliance Private Limited (https:// baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **07.05.2026, 5.00 pm.** **(Rs. in lacs)**

Lot	Description of the immovable/ movable assets	Reserve Price	EMD	Incremental value
1	**SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY : (Description of the property mortgaged) :** All that piece and parcel of property residential site No 204, formed in converted Sy.No. 113,(converted for residential purposes under official memorandum No. ALN:SR(S) 270/80-81, dated 5.9.1980 issued by the special Deputy Commissioner, Banglore Urban District , Bangalore). "VISHWAPRIYA GREENARIES" presently bearing BBMP Khatha No. 343/204 situated at Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, presently with in BBMP Begur Ward No.192, measuring East to West :120 feet and North to South :60 feet and **bounded on the : East by :** Basapura Village, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site No. 205, **South by :** Site No. 203. **Coordinates of the Property** **Latitude: 12.882495 Longitude: 77.628146**	**Rs. 364.73**	**Rs. 36.48**	**Rs. 1.00**

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's **website www.canarabank.com** or may contact **Canara Bank, ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru-560001. Phone No. 9483544116, 9966397756** during office hours on any working day.

Date: 31.03.2026
Place: Bangalore
Sd/- Authorised Offier
Canara Bank

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, DIVISION, MANGALORE

email.ID : eepwdmng@gmail.com

Notification No. 65/2025-26, **Dated: 26.03.2026**

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR PREPARATION OF STRUCTURAL DESIGN'S & DETAILED PROJECT REPORTS (DPR'S) FOR THE PROPOSED WORKS TO BE TAKEN UP UNDER H/A 5054-04-337-0-02-436 NABARD - XXXI

The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Division, Mangalore is inviting tenders for preparation of **Detailed Project Reports (DPR's) & Preparation Of Structural Designs including Structural Drawings** to the below said works to be taken up under H/A 5054-04-337-0-02-436 NABARD -XXXI as per Standard Bidding Document and KPWD Norms.

Sl. No	Name of work	EMD
1	Preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPR's) including all Structural Design & Drawings for Construction of Bridge across Nethravathi river for connecting Kotepura to Bolar (On Mangaluru-Chervathur-Karavali MDR)in Mangaluru,Dakshina Kannada District.	**Workwise EMD Details may be obtained through KPPP Portal**
2	Preparation of Structural Designs including Structural Drawings for Bridge across Nethravathi River for connecting Sajipanadu and Thumbe Village in Bantwal Taluk, Dakshina Kannada.	

Tender Process Details : (1) Tender Document can be downloaded in KPPP Portal from **27.03.2026 to 04.04.2026 upto 17.00 Hours** (2) Pre bid meeting on **01.04.2026 at 11.30 Hours** (o/o Executive Engineer Office, PWD Division, Mangaluru) (3) Attendance at the Pre bid meeting is mandatory. Participation through VC is not allowed. (4) Last date & Time for Receipt of Tenders **04.04.2026 upto 17.00 Hours** (5) Date & Time for opening of Technical bid **06.04.2026 at 10.15 Hours** (6) Date & Time of Opening of Financial Proposal: will be informed separately to those consultants whose technical proposal is accepted. (7) Corrigendums, Addendums and Modifications in Notification if any will be published in KPPP Portal only. (8) The Consultant should be Empenalled under KPWD, C and B (Central Zone) Shivamogga (Cat – I) for providing Consultant

Terms of Reference may be downloaded in KPPP portal of the Government of Karnataka **(https:// kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** from **27.03.2026.**

Any information can be obtained from o/o Executive Engineer Office, PWD Division Mangalore during office hours on all working days and also through **kppp.karnataka.gov.in** KPPP Portal Helpdesk **Telephone No. 91 9240214000 & 91 9240214001.**

Sd/-, Executive Engineer,
Public Works Department,
Mangalore Division, Mangalore

DIPR/DK/MCA/06/25-26 dt. 31.03.26

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)

ASSET RECOVERY MANAGEMENT(ARM) II BRANCH,
2nd Floor, Circle Office, Spencer Towers, No.86, M G Road, Bengaluru-560001
Email: cb6298@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
(Under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assests and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provisio to Rule 8 (6) of Security Intrest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the secured creditors the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore,** of the Canara will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on **22.04.2026 from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.** basis for recovery of outstanding dues from below mentioned Borrowes. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit is mentioned below. **(Rs. in lakhs)**

Neme of Borrowers and Guarantors	Total Liabilities as per Sale Notice	Description of Immovable Assets	Auction Date & Time	Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Date	Incremetal Value at Bid
1) M/s. Bhagwan Mahaveer Jain Prints, No. 13, Ground Floor, IInd Cross, 4th Main, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru-560018. **2) Mr. Kalpesh Ambani** S/o. Shantilal Jain, Flat No. 202, 1st Floor, Arham Residence, N R Colony, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560004. **Also at : Mr. Kalpesh Ambani** S/o. Shantilal Jain, No.13, Ground Floor, 2nd Cross, 4th Main, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru-560018. **3) Mr. Shanthilal Jain** S/o. Late Manmal, Flat No. 202, 1st Foor, Arham Residence, N R Colony, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560004. **Also at : Mr. Shantilal** S/o. Late Manmal, # 196/25, Flat No. 208, C M Complex, Sultanpet, Bangalore-560053.	**Rs. 3,68,11,139.34** (Rupees Three Crore Sixty Eight Lakhs Eleven Thousand One Hundred Thirty Nine and Thirty Four paisa only) plus further interest thereon from 25.03.2026 and other expenses.	**Schedule B(A) : Description of entire property on which apartment is contructed :** All that piece and parcel of Residential property bearing No.193,194,195 & 196 later amalgamated as property No. 196/1-40 Situated at Sultanpet, Bangalore. Measuring East to West on the northern side 63 feet, on the Southern side 69 feet and North to South 126 feet and **Bounded on the : East by :** Property of Magaji Narasimha Sa Latter Dondale Gangadhara Sa, **West by :** Corporation line, **North by :** Property of Shetty Ganesha sa, **South by :** Sultanpet Main Road. **Scheduled B(B) : Description of Property Owned By Sri Shanthilal -** Residential Falt Bearing No. 208 on Second floor of the apartment Known as " C M Complex" with a super built area of 1070.00 Sq.ft along with 248.86 Sq.ft of undivided share in the share in the site of the schedule B(A) Property and bearing Khata No. 196/25 PID No. 28-185-196/25 consturcted on schedule B(A) Property and the flat **Bounded on the :** East by : Passage/Flat No. 207, **West by :** Corporation lane, **North by :** Private Property, **South by :** Flat No. 205. **Property owned by Sri Shanthilal.**	**22.04.2026 from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.**	**Reserve Price : Rs. 103.00** **EMD : Rs. 10.30** **EMD Date :** on or before **21.04.2026**	Multiples of Rs. 1,00,000/- Encumbrance (s) : Not Known

Other terms and Conditions :

a. Auction / bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website **https://baanknet.com/** Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.
b. The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer.
c. The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process.
d. EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Wallet of **M/s. PSB Alliance Private Limited (BAANKNET)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan.
e. After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or **before 21.04.2026,** to Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore by hand or Email. i) Demand Draft/Pay order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT Acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No. ii) Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount. iii) Bid Form.
The intending bidders should register their names at portal **https://baanknet.com/** and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider, **M/s. PSB Alliance (BAANKNET) - e- mail: support.baanknet@psballiance.com,**
EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them. The EMD/Sale proceeds shall not carry any interest.
f. Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiplies of **Rs. 1,00,000/-.** The bidder who submits the highest bid (above the Reserve price) on closure of 'Online' auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor.
g. The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorized Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again. This amount shall be deposited by way of Demand draft in favour of Authorized Officer, Canara Bank, ARM II Branch OR shall be deposited through RTGS / NEFT / Fund Transfer to credit of account of Canara Bank, ARM II Branch, **A/c. No. 209272434, IFSC Code: CNRB0006298.**
h. For sale proceeds of **Rs. 50.00 Lacs** (Rupees Fifty Lacs only) and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at a rate 1% or as applicable rate on the sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the bank.
i. All charges for Conveyance, Stamp Duty/GST/Registration Charges tax arrears, other charges, dues etc., As applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only.
j. Authorised Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the E-auction without assigning any reason thereof.
k. In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating the E-auction, they can approach concerned Circle office or Canara Bank ARM II, who as a facilitating centre shall make necessary arrangements.
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Date : 31.03.2026
Place : Bengaluru
Sd/-Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my Client, **Mr. J.N. Kanakaraj, son of Mr. J. V. Nagaraj,** residing at No. 9/21, Marvel Rajagriha, 1st Floor, Ta Ra Subbarao Road, 8th Main Road, Hanumanthanagar, Bengaluru - 560 019, is the absolute owner in peaceful possession of a portion of the Industrial Plot bearing No. 450, measuring to an extent of 3,550 Square Feet out of 20,580 Square Feet, situated at Peenya 4th Phase, Industrial Area, comprised in Survey No. 46 of Nallakadaranahally Village, Yeshwantapur Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru vide Partition Deed dated 8th February 2019 executed amongst Mr. J. V. Nagaraj, Mrs. J. N. Suryaprabha, Mr. J. N. Kanakaraj, Mr. J. N. Deepak and Mr. Bhagath J. N., duly registered as document No. 6782 of 2018-19, in Book No. 1, stored in C.D. No. YPRD223, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Rajajinagar (Yeshwantpura), Bengaluru.
My Client represents that the original mother deed i.e., the Deed of Sale dated 20th May 1997, executed by Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board in favour of Durga Industries, duly registered as document No. 1966 of 1997-98, in Book No. 1, Volume 5837, at Pages 87 to 95, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bengaluru North Taluk, is misplaced and in this regard, my Client lodged a Police Complaint on 31st March 2026. The General public is hereby notified that any transaction/s without the notice of my Client in respect of the aforesaid Industrial Property are void and not maintainable and also my Client has obtained the Certified Copy of the said Deed of Sale dated 20th May 1997 bearing Certified Copy No. 5183 of 2025-26, from the office of the Sub-Registrar, Peenya, Bengaluru, and same may be treated as original with respect to the aforesaid lost/misplaced original Deed of Sale. Further, any person/s attempting to create any kind of encumbrance/s with respect to the aforesaid Industrial Property, relying on the said original Deed of Sale are liable to be punished under law and if anybody found the same, kindly return it to undersigned.

Mr. SUMAN .K.S, Advocate
5th Floor, Phoenix Pinnacle, No. 46,
Ulsoor Road, Bangalore – 560 042.
Date: 01-04-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client intend to purchase Land bearing
(i) **Sy.No.27/1,** measuring 1 Acre 02 Gunta,
(ii) **Sy.No.27/4,** measuring 21 Guntas,
(iii) **Sy.No.27/5,** measuring 1½ Guntas,
(iv) **Sy.No.27/6** measuring 12½ Guntas,
(v) **Sy.No.27/7** measuring 12¼ Guntas,
(vi) **Sy.No.27/8** measuring 12¼ Guntas,
(vii) **Sy.No.27/9** measuring 12½ Guntas
(ii to vii bearing Old Sy.No.27/2),
(viii) **Sy.No.27/3,** measuring 1½ Guntas,
(ix) **Sy.No.27/10** measuring 9 Guntas,
(x) **Sy.No.27/11** measuring 9 Guntas,
(xi) **Sy.No.27/12** measuring 9 Guntas,
(xii) **Sy.No.27/13** measuring 9½ Guntas
(ix to xii bearing Old Sy.No.27/3)
totally measuring 3 Acres 32 Guntas, situated at **Begur Village, Sulibele Hobli, Hoskote Taluk** and bounded on the
East by : Sy.No.27/14 and 27/15;
West by : Sy.No.31 and Sy.No.27/16;
North by : Sy.No.23;
South by : Road.
from the Land Owner **Mr.SURESHA, SON OF LATE SIDDEGOWDA @ DOLLEGOWDA**
Persons having any right over the said properties may lodge their objections/ claims with documentary evidence within **10 days** from the date of this publication, to the undersigned.

Prashanth Vijayalakshmi & Associates, Advocates,
No.162, 1st Floor, Above Venkateshwara Mobile store, Next Kanthi Sweets,
2nd Main, Kasturinagar, Bangalore-560 043.
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ANANDA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,

Eastd : 1979
Reg. No. JRB/Rgn./7/4884/79-80 Dated : 23-8-79
Administrative Office : No. 116, (1st Floor), 2nd Main Road, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru-560020.
Phone : 23447829, Mobile No. 9481781145, E-Mail : anandacb_1979@yahoo.com

TENDER – CUM – AUCTION SALE NOTICE

AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY UNDER SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Whereas, **Late Yellappa Since deceased represented by his legal heirs (1) Mrs. Renuka** D/o Late Yellappa Creative Fortuna Apartment, No-103, 1st Floor, Kanakanagar Main Road, RT Nagar Post, Bangalore-560032. **(2) Mrs. Huchamma** D/o Late Yellappa No.13/7, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, G M Temple Road, Matadahalli, A K Colony, RT Nagar, Bangalore-560032. **(3) Mrs. Vijayalakshmi** D/o Late Yellappa No.13/7, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, G M Temple Road, Matadahalli, A K Colony, RT Nagar, Bangalore-560032. **(4) Mrs. Lakshmi** D/o Late Yellappa No.13/7, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, G M Temple Road, Matadahalli, AK Colony, RT Nagar, Bangalore-560032. **(5) Mr. Lakshmaiah** S/o Late Yellappa No.13/7, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, G M Temple Road, Matadahalli, A K Colony, R T Nagar, Bangalore-560032. having failed to repay the debt in respect of borrowing from **Ananda Co-Op Bank Ltd. Basaveshwara Nagar Branch, Bangalore-560079.** The total amount due and payable by them jointly and severally as per the agreed terms and conditions is **Rs. 3,76,339/- (Rupees Three Lakh Seventy Six Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Nine Only)** due and payable by you as on **28.02.2026,** along with interest at the applicable rate and costs thereon.
Whereas the Bank has issued notice under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and in pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (4) of the Act, the Authorised Officer has taken possession of the mortgaged property including those more fully described hereunder, and the Bank has decided to sell the below mentioned property under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act read with the relevant rules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Description of Property	Date & Time of Opening Tender and Place of Auction	Reserve Price & EMD Amount
All that piece and Parcel of property bearing No.13/7, 1st Main, IInd Cross, Muneshwara Temple Road, Matadahalli, RT Nagar Post, Bangalore-560032, measuring East to West 15 feet and North to South 33 feet and bounded by the following boundaries: East : 8' Road, West : Conservancy, North : Site No.12, South: Site No.14.	**28.04.2026 at 11.30 AM** **At** **No.13/7, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, G M Temple Road, Matadahalli, A K Colony, R T Nagar, Bangalore-560032.**	**Rs.49,55,550/-(Rupees Forty Nine Lakh Fifty Five Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Only).** **EMD: 10% of the Reserve Price Rs.4,95,555/-(Rupees Four Lakh Ninety Five Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Five Only).**

Terms and Conditions of Auction Sale: - (1) The Tender form can be collected from **Ananda Co-Operative Bank Ltd., No.116, (1st Floor), 2nd Main Road, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru-560020. (ph. 080-23447829/9980126030, 9481781145) on all working days during office hours. (2)** The intending bidders should submit their bids in the prescribed tender form in closed cover along with EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price by means of Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque/ RTGS / Pay Order drawn in favour of **Ananda Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore- payable at Bangalore.** The Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order shall be drawn after the date of publication of this Tender-cum-Auction Sale Notice. **(3)** Tenders not in the prescribed format will not be accepted. The tender along with the EMD shall be submitted at **Ananda Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore latest by 27.04.2026 before 11.00 A M.** Tender without EMD shall be summarily rejected and the bidders will not be permitted to participate in Auction. **(4)** The property "SHALL NOT" be sold below the reserve price. **(5)** In case the bidder is not successful the E M D amount shall be refunded without interest. **(6)** The EMD amount shall be liable for forfeiture without prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Auction Sale. **(7)** The sealed tenders will be opened by the Authorised Officer in the presence of the available / attending bidders at **11.30 AM on 28.04.2026. (8)** After opening the tenders, the intending bidders may be given opportunity at the discretion of the Authorised Officer to have, intense bidding amongst themselves to enhance the offer Price. **(9)** The successful bidder SHALL DEPOSIT 25% OF THE SALE PRICE (INCLUSIVE OF EMD) immediately after the auction sale, on the same day, in Cash/Demand Draft . RTGS and the balance of the Sale Price within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default by the successful bidder, all the amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited without notice and the property shall be put for re-auction. **(10)** The successful bidder shall bear the statutory dues / taxes / charges / property tax / E B charges / water charges / conveyance charges such as stamp duty, registration fee etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed in his favour, as per the applicable laws. **(11)** The Authorised Officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all of the tender or/ bid / offer and / or adjourn / postpone / cancel the Auction Sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify an or all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice.**(12)** The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank. **(13)** The property can be inspected by the intending bidder between **10.00 AM and -5.00PM** at his/her expenses at the address mentioned in the Schedule. **(14)** The property is put for sale on **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION".** The intending bidder SHALL SATISFY HIM/ HER SELF about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property. **(15)** In case of stay of further proceedings by DRT/DRAT/High Court or any other court, the auction may either be deferred or cancelled and persons participating in the sale shall have no right to claim damages, compensation or cost for such postponement or cancellation. **(16)** This is also notice to the (Borrowers /Guarantors / Mortgagors) aforesaid loan about holding of auction sale on above mentioned date if their dues are not repaid in full, other terms and conditions applicable as per the Act.

For further details the intending bidders may contact the Authorised Officer, Ananda Co-Operative Bank Ltd., No.116, (1st Floor), 2nd Main Road, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru-560020. for ascertaining the details of property and also for inspection of property (Contact No.080-23447829/9980126030, 9481781145) E-Mail: anandacb_1979@yahoo.com.

Date: 30.03.2026
Place: Bangalore
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Tottenham appoint De Zerbi as manager

Tottenham appointed Roberto De Zerbi as the club's third manager of the season as they battle to avoid relegation from English football's top-flight for the first time in nearly 50 years. De Zerbi has reportedly been handed a lucrative five-year deal to convince him to take the job immediately rather than waiting to see which division Spurs are in next season.

RR's Brijesh Sharma had figures of 1/17 in three overs against CSK | BCCI

Pacing it up: Royals' Brijesh turns heads

Pacer's association with player-cum-mentor Punia paved his way into marquee league

FIROZ MIRZA/SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

BEFORE the start of the match between Rajasthan Royals and Chennai Super Kings in Guwahati on Monday, right arm pacer Deepak Punia, who has represented four teams in domestic cricket, received a call. It was Brijesh Sharma, Deepak's mentee and training partner. It was the biggest day of Brijesh's life as he was going to make his IPL debut for the Rajasthan franchise but the 27-year-old pacer from Udhampur, Jammu and Kashmir, was extremely nervous.

"'I am playing the match but I am nervous,'" were Brijesh's words, Deepak told this daily. In the domestic circuit for more than a decade and been part of Mumbai Indians and Sunrisers Hyderabad, albeit not officially, Deepak knew the feeling. "He told me there is a lot of crowd at the stadium. I just advised him not to look at them and instead try to focus on basics. After the match, where he bowled a successful spell of three overs claiming a wicket and giving away just 17 runs, he called me again and said 'you were right. The nervousness vanished after a few balls in the first over."

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>
> Deepak Punia, Brijesh coach & training partner

Journey from J&K to Delhi to Bengal

Interestingly, Brijesh never played a competitive match in any domestic tournaments and was picked up by the inaugural champions on the basis of his performance in the 2025 Bengal Pro T20 League. He claimed 11 wickets from seven matches and was joint-fifth on the wickets chart. That performance in Bengal was what convinced Royals to sign him for ₹30 lakh. They are a very data driven team and some of the data he produced made them big fans. When they called him for trials, he even managed to trouble some of this season's big signings (Tejasvi Dahiya and Kartik Sharma to name a few).

Like any aspiring cricketer, Brijesh, whose variations stood out in Guwahati, started with tennis ball cricket on the streets of Udhampur. With his father a push cart vendor, it was not easy for him to pursue the game. But Brijesh was determined and made his way into the J&K U19 and U23 teams. Seeking better avenues, he shifted to Delhi to train at the Unique Sports Club on being advised by Vivrant Sharma, J&K all-rounder. Deepak owns the club and it's here his association with Brijesh began more than three years ago.

"I was called as a replacement player at the Sunrisers Hyderabad but an official announcement was never made in this regard. There I met Vivrant and then we stayed in touch. He started training at my club. More than three years ago, Vivrant then told me about Brijesh and asked me to take him under my wings. He also informed about the modest background of Brijesh, who arrived a few days later. When he came here, he clearly told me that he would not be able to afford the fee. I told him not to worry about it. When I saw him bowling, I realised he has a quick arm rotation. He was also bowling inswingers. Being a fast bowler myself, I knew how to work on him. We started training together. We worked on his fitness. He didn't have basic equipment but we provided him with everything."

Brijesh played for the club in various competitions held in Delhi and added new variations to his bowling arsenal including the away going delivery. More importantly, all the fitness sessions he had with Deepak paid dividends as his bowling speed rose considerably from 125-130kmph to 140 kmph. "There is a lot of competition here in Delhi so I spoke to one of my contacts in West Bengal and requested him to allow Brijesh to play for his club. He was selected for Bengal T20 League last season and performed well catching the attention of scouts from Royals," informed Deepak.

It was the break Brijesh and 32--year-old Deepak were longing for. Besides, Brijesh's stint with RR has raised Deepak's hopes to play IPL again.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Connolly, bowlers shine in Punjab's victory

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

FOR all the talk surrounding how this Indian Premier League would be bat dominating ball, bowlers are the ones to have made the loudest impression. On each of the league's first three nights, bowlers won the Man of the Match awards. A rich reward for a tribe in danger of losing relevance in this format, especially in this league where run-rates have kept increasing over the last few years.

Thankfully, bowlers continued to strike back against the establishment forces on Tuesday as well. On a pitch where run-scoring wasn't easy in the first innings — you couldn't hit through the line because of the conditions — the Gujarat Titans struggled with their timing against Punjab Kings. Whenever their batters tried to go over, they just couldn't get the timing. For example, Jos Buttler's painstaking 38 was off 33 balls.

Shreyas Iyer, who opted to bowl first, saw his pacers restrict Gujarat Titans to 162. It's not every day that an IPL franchise gives seamers 16 overs but this pitch merited it. And Vijaykumar Vyshak, the side's designated death overs operator, used his variations to return figures of 3/34 in three overs. Marco Jansen started the slide and was virtually unhittable as he returned figures of 1/20 in four overs.

Punjab, whose new template relies on their openers to give them rapid starts in the powerplay, lost Priyansh Arya early but Prabhsimran Singh and debutant, Cooper Connolly, put on a stylish 77-run partnership. Once Prabhsimran was dismissed, Shreyas joined in on the fun. The Titans pacers were perhaps a touch shorter and a touch wider and it allowed the Punjab batters the freedom to free their arms. Gujarat batters, for example, hit only three sixes. The hosts, meanwhile, cleared the ropes 13 times.

Some of the hits may not have been pretty but there was an unusual conviction behind those shots. It's what makes the Kings such a dangerous team these days.

Towards the end, the Kings were in a spot of bother as they lost wickets in quick succession, thanks largely due to Impact Player Prasidh Krishna, who finished with figures of 3/29 in his four overs.

But Connolly (72 n.o) and the rest of the lower-order batters held their nerves to pull off a vital victory.

Punjab Kings players celebrate a wicket against Gujarat Titans on Tuesday | PTI

BRIEF SCORES

Gujarat Titans 162/6 in 20 ovs (Gill 39, Buttler 38, Phillips 25; Vyshak 3/34, Chahal 2/28, Jansen 1/20) **lost to** Punjab Kings 165/7 in 19.1 ovs (Connolly 72 n.o, Prasidh 3/29).

GIANTS FACE CAPITALS CHALLENGE

LUCKNOW SUPER GIANTS, LED BY RISHABH PANT, WILL FACE DELHI CAPITALS ON WEDNESDAY. A LOOK...

Pressure on Pant

Pant, who joined LSG in 2025 as the most expensive buy in the IPL (Rs 27 crore), did not live up to expectations. Injuries to key players, especially in the bowling department, made their task harder as LSG finished seventh for the second year running. With a fully-fit squad this time, along with the addition of veterans Mohammed Shami and Anrich Nortje, LSG will be hoping for a turnaround in fortunes.

Few question marks for Delhi

KL Rahul has cemented his position as opener for Delhi but there is no clarity over his opening partner. The options are Prithvi Shaw, Abhishek Porel and Pathum Nissanka. David Miller was brought in to add more muscle to the middle order comprising another South African Tristan Stubbs. DC have a good bowling attack despite Mitchell Starc missing out the opening game due to injury. In Axar Patel and Kuldeep Yadav, Delhi have match-winning spinners.

LSG VS DC, LUCKNOW, 7.30 PM, LIVE ON STAR SPORTS & JIOHOTSTAR

Gukesh pulls out of GCT, to focus on training

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

D Gukesh has decided to pause a lot of his match play in a bid to rediscover his form ahead of the World Championship later this year. The Indian, one of the youngest world champions in history, has been enduring a prolonged slump since the beginning of 2025. To arrest it, he has decided to focus on 'more dedicated training time' at home.

As a consequence, he has decided to feature in only two European Rapid and Blitz events as part of his Grand Chess Tour calendar.

"My performance in the last few events has been quite disappointing, not just for me, but for all of you who support me," he posted on X. "In order to find my best form my team and I have decided that I should compete with slightly less intensity over the next few months. Consequently, we feel it is in my best interest to skip long events away from home to allow for more dedicated training time.

"With this in mind, I approached the Grand Chess Tour organizers and asked to play only two European Rapid & Blitz events. They were very supportive and understanding, and we agreed that I would participate in the Rapid & Blitz tournaments in Warsaw and Zagreb this year. I'm very grateful for their support. Respectfully, I am not planning to play any other events during the Grand Chess Tour schedule and will certainly be back for the full Grand Chess Tour in the future."

The Indian, still only 19, is still waiting to win a big Classical event after becoming champion at Singapore in 2024. He has not only lost 40 rating points but has also tumbled out of the world's top-10. It's why question marks have been raised about his game over the last six months or so.

In 2026, he has only featured in two events, Wijk aan Zee and the Prague Chess Festival. Both of those tournaments didn't see the Indian at his best as he finished 10th (out of 14th) and 9th (out of 10th) respectively.

Candidates: Pragg fights losing battle, goes down to Sindarov

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

FOR so long, R Praggnanandhaa tried to fight against the tide but the pressure of the clock and the position on the board eventually told as he lost to Javokhir Sindarov in the third round of the Candidates in Cyprus on Tuesday.

R Praggnanandhaa

The Indian, the joint leader with 1.5 points coming into the round with white pieces, and the Uzbek talent were more or less level going into the middle game but this was never going to be a dull draw because the pieces on the board were full of life and attacking vigour. Both players kept asking questions of the other before Sindarov, who has now two of his first three games, broke free after the 15th move.

Both players were deep in prep before they were forced into the tank. Pragg tried to stabilise his pieces. But with the 20-year-old launching an attack on Pragg's vulnerable queen side the Indian tried to scramble. The eval bar slowly but surely favoured Sindarov before an inaccuracy restored parity.

However, Pragg, knowing he had to make 13 moves in eight minutes to get the additional 30 minutes, miscalculated. His queen, the light coloured bishop as well as a rook on the back rank were all cramped.

That told when he made 33. c5 rather than the engine recommended g3. It was the beginning of the end.

Both players liquidated some of the pieces but Sindarov had a three pawn advantage in a queen-rook endgame and knew he was playing a losing battle.

Divya makes great save

Divya Deshmukh held on to split the points when all had seemed lost. In a gruelling match which lasted for over 75 moves, the Indian fought tooth and nail against her senior opponent before walking away with a creditable draw.

Results (Rd 3): Open: Javokhir Sindarov bt R Praggnanandhaa, Fabiano Caruana bt Wei Yi, Anish Giri drew with Hikaru Nakamura, Andrey Esipenko drew with Matthias Bluebaum. **Women:** Aleksandra Goryachkina drew with Divya Deshmukh, R Vaishali drew with Anna Muzychuk, Bibisara Assaubayeva bt Zhu Jiner, Kateryna Lagno bt Tan Zhongyi.

Williams scores on debut as India overcome Hong Kong

MANISHA V C S @ Kochi

GOALS from debutant Ryan Williams and Akash Mishra helped India defeat Hong Kong 2-1 in the AFC Asian Cup 2027 qualifiers at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Kochi on Tuesday. This rounded off their disappointing qualifiers' campaign, as India were already knocked out last year. In a crackling atmosphere set by over 22,000 fans, the win for the nation is many of their firsts — including the first under the coach Khalid Jamil.

India showed fluidity in their attack from the get-go. The Australian-born Indian forward Williams got his name on the scoresheet four minutes into his much-awaited India debut. From the right wing, Manvir Singh put it on a plate for Williams, who tapped it into the Hong Kong goal. The confidence from this goal was carried throughout the game as India continued to press the opponents hard.

Then, five minutes into the second half, Akash Mishra doubled the lead, as he headed it goalwards off a long throw from Rahul Bheke. The Hong Kong team who were depending on counter-attacks in the first half, were much awake in the second half where the newly-built defence line constrained India's growing pressure.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

Cricket summer camp at KIOC from April 1

BENGALURU: The Karnataka Institute of Cricket (KIOC), run by renowned coach Irfan Sait, will begin their summer camp from April 1 for boys and girls aged five and above. The camp offers four sessions a day including the one under floodlights for white/pink ball experience. For more details, contact: 7022600150, 9008675618, 9482220492, 9620946834.

Abhay and Anahat clinch top honours

NEW DELHI: India's Abhay Singh has been declared outstanding Men's Player of the Year 2025 by the Asian Squash Federation, while teenager Anahat Singh was selected for the top honours in the girls' section (juniors). The Indian boys' team, which clinched bronze at the 2025 World Junior Team meet in Egypt, was picked for the men's team award,

UP Prometheans joins UTT line-up for season 7

MUMBAI: UP Prometheans has replaced Chennai Lions in the Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT), the organisers announced on Tuesday ahead of the seventh season. The UP team is owned by first-generation entrepreneur Mukesh Sharma. Season 7, to be held in July in Goa, will feature seven teams competing in a single round-robin format.

Asian Boxing: Priya advances, Jadumani loses

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

INDIA'S Priya posted a handsome 5:0 win while Jadumani Singh lost a hard-fought battle on the second day of the Asian Boxing Championships in Ulanbaatar, Mongolia.

Priya (women's 60 kg) put on a clinical display to secure a 5-0 win over Kazakhstan's Rimma Volossenko, showcasing control and composure throughout the bout. In the men's 55kg category, the talented Jadumani threw the kitchen sink against Japan's Rui Yamaguchi but that was not enough as he lost by split verdict (2-3).

BADMINTON

Trying to bring variation in my smashes: Ayush eyes improved returns

SAPTARSHI C @ Bengaluru

THERE'S a quiet ease about Ayush Shetty, even in the middle of chaos. Inside the gym at the Centre for Excellence, Bengaluru, where he trains, it was just another day for Shetty — head down, legs pumping, locked into his routine. But the buzz was there, kids lingered a little longer, and others walked up for a quick chat. He didn't brush it off — he paused, smiled and spoke to them like one of their own and then, catching his breath, walked over for a chat.

India's rising men's singles shuttler Shetty, currently ranked World No 25, is aiming for a good show in the upcoming Badminton Asia Championships, set to begin on April 7 in China.

Shetty, who is confident about his flat games, said his recent sessions with coach Irwansyah have also contributed to strengthening his defensive play. Although the coaching arrangement is not permanent yet, it has already helped him gain confidence, especially in defence and in controlling rallies.

Even though the 20-year-old is not happy with his recent performances, he said, "I'm usually back in the gym the very next day after a tournament — I don't really believe in switching off and then trying to switch back on. Staying in that rhythm helps me keep improving. I prefer to stay calm and composed, and that gives me a quiet belief that I can get the job done," he added with a smile.

Shetty, who will depart for the tournament on Saturday, said, "Even though I'm confident of my smashes, I understand players now can read my shots a little more than before. So, I'm trying to bring variation in them, especially from the backside. Also, some sessions focus on more endurance-based, so that it helps me in the long rallies." In a candid moment with this daily, the young shuttler turned admirer, tipping his hat to two-time Olympic champion Viktor Axelsen. For a brief second, the competitor faded, and the fan took over — giving him all the credit for the training. "I was not good at long rallies, but during the training with Axelsen in Dubai, he actually made me understand how I should use my height and use the long rallies to attack more. And, now I enjoy it," said the 6.5-foot-tall youngster.

Ayush Shetty's immediate test will be the Asia Championships in China

AYUSH IN 2026

3 Wins | Losses 8

2nd highest-ranked Indian men's singles player

2 time podium finishes in BWF 300 events in 2025

BWF World Junior C'ships 2023 bronze medallist

Full story: newindianexpress.com

GIANT LEAP
PART 2
Points 1 to 15 show trajectory of Artemis II, from liftoff to its journey around the Moon and return to Earth

TAMREEN SULTANA
@ Hyderabad

AT 6:24 pm EDT (3:54 am IST), the countdown reaches zero, the Space Launch System rises in a column of fire, its engines straining against Earth's gravity. At liftoff, nearly 8.8 million pounds of thrust surge through the vehicle, driven by twin solid rocket boosters that burn for the first two minutes.

The ascent is violent, deliberate, and unforgiving — a phase where even minor anomalies can escalate quickly. For Artemis II, the first crewed lunar mission in more than five decades, this marks the beginning of a carefully sequenced test to carry humans beyond low Earth orbit once again.

The boosters separate and fall away, shedding weight and allowing the core stage — powered by four cryogenic RS-25 engines — to take over. These engines rely on liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen stored at extremely low temperatures, creating technical challenges under vibration and acceleration. Over the next several minutes, the core stage pushes Orion spacecraft towards orbital velocity. By the time it shuts down and separates, roughly eight minutes into flight, the spacecraft is moving fast enough to remain in orbit — a critical milestone in the journey outward.

The Interim Cryogenic Propulsion Stage then assumes control. Its first burn lifts Orion into a stable, highly elliptical orbit around Earth. Here, the mission enters a brief but critical pause. Inside the Crew Module, Commander Reid Wiseman, pilot Victor Glover, and mission specialists Christina Koch and Jeremy Hansen begin checks that determine whether they proceed further.

Environmental controls, carbon dioxide removal, navigation, and communication links are verified in real conditions. The crew also conducts manual piloting exercises, demonstrating that Orion can be steered with precision if automation fails.

This phase is not routine. It is a checkpoint. As Artemis II flight director Fiona Antkowiak told BBC, "Translunar injection is a huge decision — you must be sure the spacecraft can support the crew for up to 10 days, because once you commit, there are no quick ways to return." The risk is clear: beyond this point, contingency options narrow.

Once cleared, the ICPS executes the translunar injection burn — a manoeuvre that sends Orion out of Earth orbit and onto a path towards the Moon.

Precision is everything. A slight deviation in angle or velocity can require fuel-intensive corrections later. The spacecraft now enters a regime where the gravitational pull of both Earth and the Moon is balanced.

Along this trajectory, Orion operates as a self-contained system. Its European Service Module supplies propulsion, power, and life-support consumables, including oxygen, nitrogen, and water. Unlike the International Space Station, Orion does not rely on a fully closed-loop system. Instead, it combines stored resources with limited recycling — a design that sustains the crew without resupply. Any failure escalates quickly, making redundancy and monitoring critical.

As the spacecraft travels further from Earth, navigation depends on star trackers, inertial systems, and updates from ground stations. Small thruster burns adjust the trajectory as needed. When the spacecraft passes behind the Moon, communication with Earth is temporarily lost. In this blackout, Orion operates autonomously, maintaining its course and handling anomalies without immediate support.

This is one of the mission's key tests: whether crew and systems function independently in deep space.

Radiation adds another layer of risk. Outside Earth's magnetosphere, astronauts are exposed to galactic cosmic rays and solar particle events. Unlike missions in low Earth orbit, where some shielding exists, Orion relies on its structure and operational strategies to limit exposure.

Mylswamy Annadurai, project director for Chandrayaan-1, tells TNIE that the shift in lunar missions reflects a broader ambition. "The latest mission is about returning humans to the Moon," he says, noting that earlier Apollo missions focused on short visits near the equator. "Now, the focus has shifted after the discovery of water on the Moon. Missions are targeting these areas." He adds that the larger challenge lies in sustaining human presence: "Earlier astronauts stayed only for a few hours or days, but longer missions now require protection from space radiation, better life-support systems, and safety mechanisms for prolonged exposure."

As Orion loops around the Moon, it follows a free-return trajectory, using gravity to guide it back to Earth as a safety measure. Thermal control remains critical, with insulation and radiators managing extreme temperature swings.

Re-entry is the most intense phase, with speeds nearing 40,000 km/h. Heat is generated by air compression, and Orion's ablative shield protects it by burning away. The entry angle must be precise to avoid damage or skipping off the atmosphere.

As parachutes deploy and Orion descends, mission control closely monitors the return. The mission tests not just hardware, but human-machine coordination in deep space, building on past exploration and assessing readiness for longer missions and sustained lunar presence.

By the time the capsule reaches the ocean, Artemis II tests not just hardware but human-machine performance in deep space. Building on past missions and water-ice discoveries, it assesses whether current technology and human endurance can support longer journeys and sustained lunar presence.

RACE TO SPACE

ISRO CHARTS NEXT STEP WITH GAGANYAAN

AS the race back to the Moon gathers pace, space missions are shifting from brief visits to long-term presence. In conversation with ***TNIE's*** **Tamreen Sultana**, project director for Chandrayaan-1, **Mylswamy Annadurai**, breaks down ISRO's future missions.

Q Can you describe your personal journey?

I grew up in a village near Coimbatore without streetlights, which sparked my interest in the Moon. I joined the Indian Space Research Organisation in 1982 and, over 36 years, worked on remote sensing and communication missions, later leading Chandrayaan-1, Chandrayaan-2, and the Mars Orbiter Mission, and serving as director of the U R Rao Satellite Centre. After retirement, I work with the Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology and now focus on green hydrogen, robotics, and startups, collaborating with young innovators in deep-tech.

Q What are ISRO's upcoming milestones or future goals in the next decade?

Chandrayaan missions have already identified key lunar regions, especially the poles. Plans include Chandrayaan-4 and 5, possibly with sample return, expanded robotic exploration, and preparation for human spaceflight, along with increased international collaboration similar to the ISS.

Q India is known for cost-effective space missions. How is ISRO able to achieve both low cost and high success?

There are several reasons for the lower mission cost: the use of smaller, more efficient launch vehicles and a step-by-step approach instead of a single high-cost launch; fewer hardware prototypes; strong international collaboration through shared payloads; a high degree of spacecraft autonomy; and, above all, a highly skilled yet cost-effective Indian workforce, all of which significantly reduce overall mission expenses.

Q Looking ahead, what scientific goals can we expect from ISRO?

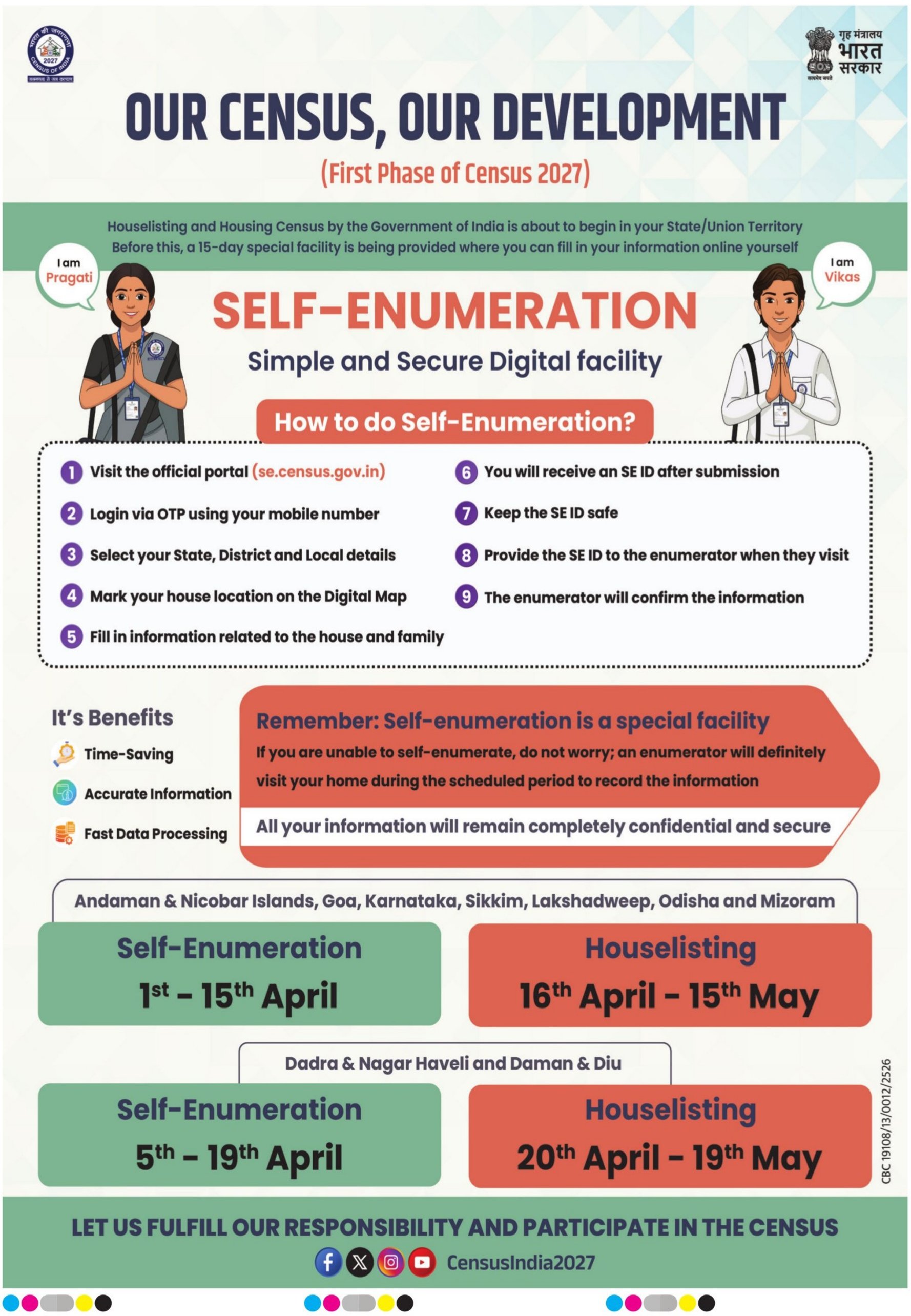
The long-term vision includes Gaganyaan, India's first human spaceflight programme, aiming to send a three-member crew to 400 km orbit for 3–7 days, with a crewed launch planned in 2027 using a human-rated LVM3 rocket. With a budget of about ₹9,023 crore, it involves key systems like ECLSS and a crew escape system. Beyond this, ISRO aims to expand human presence to the Moon and Mars, alongside planetary missions.

Q How does ISRO face unique challenges compared to other space agencies?

ISRO works with relatively simpler launch vehicles and limited budgets compared to countries like the US, Russia, and China. Despite nearly 100 global lunar missions, it must still create meaningful differentiation, with initially less experience in lunar science. Targeting the polar region adds technical difficulty, as earlier missions focused on equatorial areas. Managing international collaborations also brings coordination challenges.

Q What happens on the ground after a mission is launched? How is it monitored?

After launch from Sriharikota, operations quickly shift to the Bengaluru control centre, while global ground stations—including Andaman, Perth, Goldstone, and Madrid—track the mission. Scientists monitor systems, carry out orbit-raising manoeuvres, and analyse incoming data. As the spacecraft moves towards the Moon, tracking shifts between stations. Data is shared with researchers, cross-verified, and archived to build lunar maps, helping plan future missions. There is also interest in resources like Helium-3, which could have future applications.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Team Rocket debut

Pokémon, one of the most successful video game adaptations of all time, premiered on TV Tokyo on this day in 1997

GOTTA CATCH 'EM ALL!

Pokémon is a global sensation that chronicles the adventures of Ash and his electric partner, Pikachu, as they embark on a quest to become Pokémon World Champions

AN ANIME GAME

Japanese game designer Satoshi Tajiri created the first Pokémon game in 1996 for the then recently released Nintendo Game Boy portable console

GLOBAL POPULARITY

The series is known for making anime popular worldwide. Many of the Pokémon movies also rank among the highest-grossing anime movies

CE's curated list of events from the city

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MAHIMA NAGARAJU

EASTWARD & INWARD

The Philippines, Sri Lanka, North East India, Himachal Pradesh...With the war in West Asia throwing westward travel into confusion, Bengalureans are changing directions this summer

A view from The Netherlands

Travel influencer Shreya Choubey snorkeling with turtles (above) and lounging on a beach (below) in Sri Lanka

Image consultant Bia Sandhu enjoying a beach day with her kids in Thailand

Bia Sandhu, an image consultant, who was planning to book flight tickets for a family trip to the Bahamas adds, "With fuel prices increasing and Middle-Eastern airways not flying anymore, flight costs have gone through the roof. When we started looking into tickets, it was over ₹1.5 per person. A few days ago it was about ₹4-4.5 lakh per person."

Apart from flight troubles, there's a general feeling of apprehension among to-be travellers, holding them back from choosing a place too far from home. Sandhu adds, "I don't want to get stuck in another part of the world in case the situation changes. And with the Bahamas and the Caribbean region being close to the US, that was a big concern." Travel vlogger couple Daksh Tripathi and Shreya Choubey, who were planning their first trip with their newborn to Europe and Central Asia, agree. Tripathi adds, "There are direct flights but we don't want to go through that uncertainty, so we are avoiding the west altogether and planning South Korea instead."

Five of 20 cancellations rebooked to Japan

With westward travel looking uncertain, Singh notes that Bengalureans are turning their sights eastward and even inward – to domestic travel. "We've seen a 15-20 per cent surge in travel to countries like Vietnam and Philippines. Japan too has seen a big jump – 5 of the 20 cancellations rebooked there; those who already have visas have also booked for New Zealand and Australia," he shares, adding, "We're also seeing a surge in domestic travel to Himachal Pradesh, the Northeast Indian states, Kashmir and Ladakh compared to last year. Last year, domestic bookings were just 20 to 30 per cent of our bookings; now they are 60 per cent."

For an impromptu Vietnam trip, the agent recommends the pearly sands of Phuo Quoc, a Vietnamese island off the coast of Cambodia, saying, "Phu Quoc in the ultimate package because of safaris, theme parks and beautiful beaches – it's a mix of everything."

The vlogger couple recommend Sri Lanka, which they visited last year and say is recovering beautifully from the economic and political upheaval. "Most people think Sri Lanka is all about beaches; but there is an entire mountainous region and a tropical region with beautiful waterfalls. It's a trendy place to go right now and feels like Goa 2.0 but much cleaner, safer and more affordable."

She recalls spotting turtles in the ocean waters during the trip, adding, "For at least three nights, people should spend time in the south coast in places like Weligama, Ahangama and Mirissa – you can do activities like spotting dolphins, whales. snorkel with turtles and surf too."

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GOT ROCKED!

Joe Elliott, the lead vocalist of popular rock band Def Leppard, known for their pop-metal production, anthemic choruses and vocal harmonies, sets the stage on fire during their recent concert in Bengaluru

CITY READ

Talent takes centrestage at college annual fest

Cultura 2026, the annual college fest of the CMR Institute of Technology, Marathahalli, was held on March 27 and 28 at the ITPL campus. The event was inaugurated by Lakshita Thilagaraj, a final-year computer science and engineering student, who was recently crowned Miss Grand Tamil Nadu 2026. The two-day event saw the participation of over 5,000 students from 1,000 colleges across India. With more than 52 events, including cultural performances, technical contests and creative activities, the fest celebrated talent and innovation across diverse fields. The valedictory ceremony was graced by actors Sindhu Mahesh and Bharath Sagar, who later felicitated the winners. The presidential address was delivered by Dr KC Ramamurthy, IPS (Retd.). Organised entirely by students, the event offered participants a chance to showcase skills, gain confidence and connect and network.

'FIND INSPIRATION... especially on difficult days'

ANJALI RAM

THERE'S no experience that can fully prepare you for a new song. I still feel like a student. I'm constantly learning. Every song demands a new mindset and fresh effort," says National Award-winning singer **Shilpa Rao**, as she approaches two decades in music. Speaking ahead of her now-cancelled Bengaluru concert, which was scheduled for April 5, Rao notes that the city has always been more than just another stop on the tour circuit. "We were approaching this concert very differently – the setlist was varied and spanned multiple languages. Audiences would have enjoyed the songs in a completely different way," she says.

Even as the concert stands cancelled due to 'unforeseen reasons', her connection with the city remains unchanged. "The audience here sing along and request songs – it's the energy that uplifts you as a performer," she shares.

With superhits like *Khuda Jaane, Mudhi Mudhi Ittefaq Se, Jazba, Kar Chalna Shuru Tu, Chuttamalle, Kaavaala* and more people-favourites under her belt, Rao believes her versatility across genres and languages stems from one core principle: listening.

"To be able to sing different kinds of music, you need to listen to different kinds of music first. It begins with having an open mind. Years of listening, researching and attending concerts help broaden your musical horizon," she explains.

Raised in a household where music was a way of life, Rao credits her parents, especially her father, a trained Hindustani classical musician, for laying the foundation for her musical journey. "My father has been a musician all his life. Even at 75, he is still learning, and that's incredibly inspiring," she says, adding, "My parents wanted me to have music in my life more than anyone else – even more than I did. They wanted me to experience the joy and wonder of music and to never stop learning."

Her grounding in raga-based music continues to influence her work, even as she moves fluidly across multiple languages and styles. "My training has been in raga-based music – that's the form I've spent the most time with," she notes.

Acknowledging the demands of singing in unfamiliar tongues, Rao emphasises collaboration – working closely with lyricists and composers to understand both meaning and emotion. Having collaborated with composers across generations – from Ilaiyaraaja (in *Paa*) to Anirudh Ravichander (*Jawan*), which earned her a National Award for *Chaleya* — she views each project as a shared creative effort. While the city may have to wait a little longer to see her perform, Rao remains anchored in the instinct that first drew her to music. "When you've been doing this for a long time, you need to find inspiration within yourself, especially on difficult days. You should always remember the version of yourself who wanted to be in music as a child and keep going back to that, " she signs off.

The voice behind some of India's biggest hits, including Chaleya and Kaavaalaa, singer Shilpa Rao reflects on growth, two decades in music and her enduring bond with Bengaluru despite a cancelled show

KNOW YOUR CITY

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Know Your City Quiz'**

Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE*.

1. Bengaluru once existed as a twin city – the Pete (old city area administered by the Maharaja of Mysore) and the Civil and Military station (Cantonment area governed directly by the British) till it was merged to form a single city under a common corporation in 1949. In 1870, a public park spread over 100 acres (later expanded to over 300 acres) was designed and laid by British engineer Richard Sankey connecting the twin cities, first named as Meade's Park after the then commissioner of Mysore and later renamed as Cubbon Park after Sir Mark Cubbon, the longest serving commissioner of Mysore. What is the park today officially known as – Sri Krishna Raja Park or Sri Chamarajendra Park?

2. R Madhavan, the first chief engineer of CITB (City Improvement Trust Board) which came into existence in 1945 was entrusted with the execution of Ashoka Pillar, a 20-feet tall stone memorial marking the beginning of one of the largest and well-planned residential hub of Bengaluru which was inaugurated by C Rajagopalachari, the last governor-general of India on August 20, 1948. Madhavan was also given the charge of erecting another stone memorial to mark the beginning of another industrial suburb called Rajajinagar, which was inaugurated by the Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar, the Maharaja of Mysore in 1949. In which residential area in Bengaluru is a park named after R Madhavan located – Jayanagar or Rajajinagar?

3. M N Krishna Rao was an able administrator who was conferred the knighthood for his contribution to erstwhile Mysore state administration. He went on to become the acting Dewan of Mysore in 1941 when Dewan Sir Mirza Ismail travelled to England for a roundtable conference. A lush green park in one of the oldest extensions in Bengaluru is named after Rao. Name the extension – Malleswaram or Basavanagudi

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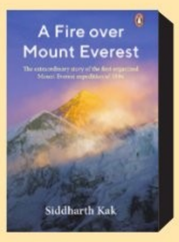
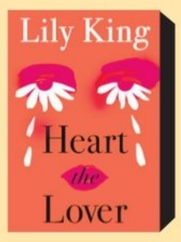


A Fire over Mount Everest
by Siddharth Kak

An extraordinary behind-the-scenes account of India's historic 1984 Everest Expedition, organised by the Indian Mountaineering Foundation. The expedition placed Bachendri Pal, the first Indian woman and the fifth woman in the world, on the summit, alongside four other climbers.

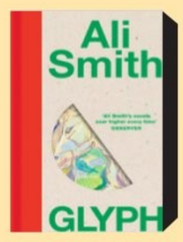
Hot Chocolate on Thursday
by Michiko Aoyama

Set in a small Tokyo cafe that opens only on Thursdays, *Hot Chocolate on Thursday* unfolds through a series of interlinked stories.



Heart The Lover
by Lily King

In this intimate novel, King traces how youth, desire and memory ripple across a lifetime, transforming a chance reunion into a profound reckoning with love, regret and the stories we tell ourselves about the past.



Glyph
by Ali Smith

Moving between memory and aftermath, invention and responsibility, *Glyph* brings Ali Smith's signature linguistic inventiveness to a novel deeply attuned to the moral urgencies of our time

GLOW AND BEHOLD

Namu Kini, founder of Namu Recommends Vegan Market, soaks in the sparkle at a stall during the brand's recent event at Chamara Vajra on Jayamahal Main Road | **KEVIN NASHON**

NOWSTREAMING

REGIONAL

MY LORD (Tamil)

A man and his wife battle bureaucracy after being wrongly declared dead, while he confronts a kidney trafficking ring connected to corrupt politicians that destroyed his life.

Cast: M Sasikumar, Chaithra J Achar

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

KA (Telugu)

In a village where the sun sinks below the horizon by 3pm, darkness creeps in early, bringing with it a chilling wave of inexplicable horrors.

Cast: Kiran Abbavaram, Ajay, Annapoorna

- **Watch on:** Jio Hotstar

FOREIGN

THE 'BURBS (English, series)

A young couple moves back to the husband's childhood home, only to face threats from new neighbours and uncover dark secrets of their cul-de-sac.

Cast: Keke Palmer, Jack Whitehall, Julia Duffy

- **Watch on:** Jio Hotsar

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FITBIT

DOES SWEATING BURN FAT? WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

A sweaty workout often feels like a good workout. The more you sweat, the more it seems like you are burning fat. But this is a common misunderstanding. Sweat and fat loss are not the same thing.

Why your body sweats? Sweating is your body's way of cooling down. When your body temperature rises, sweat is released and evaporates to bring the temperature back to normal. This can happen during exercise in hot weather or even due to stress and spicy food. Some people sweat more than others, and that is completely normal.

Does sweating mean fat loss? No. Sweating does not burn fat. Fat loss happens when your body uses more calories than it consumes. This process happens inside your body, not through sweat. When you sweat, you mainly lose water. That drop in weight after a workout is temporary and comes back once you drink water again.

COMMON MYTHS TO IGNORE:

There are a few common beliefs that are not true:

- Sweating more means burning more fat
- Wearing extra layers helps with fat loss
- Saunas help reduce body fat

All of these only increase water loss, not fat loss.

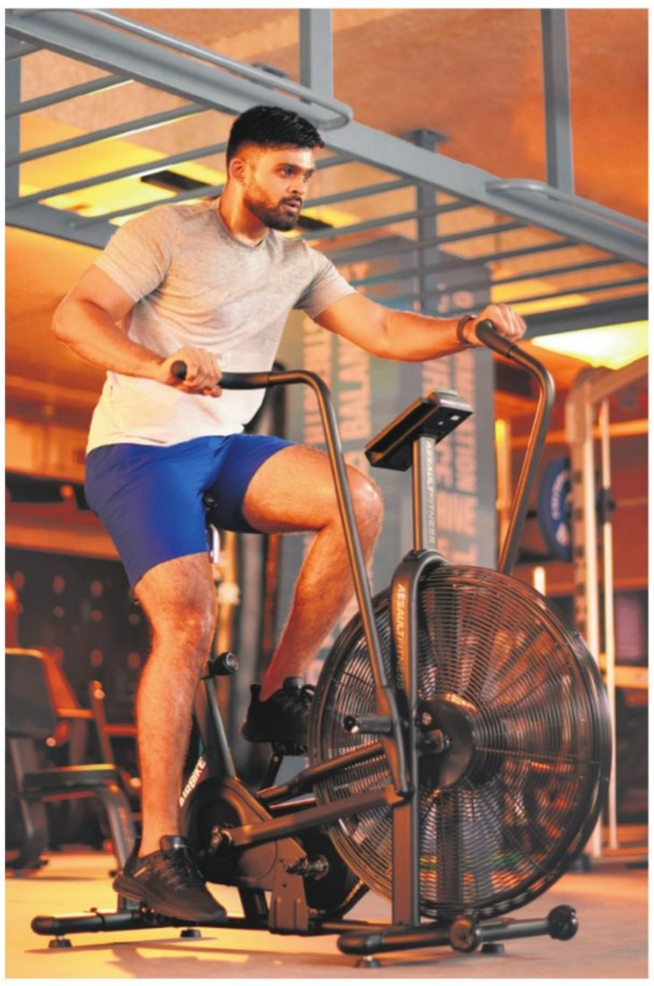
WHAT ACTUALLY HELPS BURN FAT:

If your goal is fat loss, focus on the basics:

- Exercise regularly, including strength training and cardio
- Maintain a balanced diet with a calorie deficit
- Stay hydrated, especially in hot weather
- Choose the right time to workout, like early morning or evening

These habits support real, long-term fat loss.

You can have an effective workout even without sweating heavily. Focus on consistency, movement and nutrition instead of how much you sweat. That is what truly makes a difference.



By Dhruva Sivakumar, fitness expert, cult— a fitness and wellness platform

QUICKFIX

CHILLY GARLIC MASHED POTATOES

INGREDIENTS

- **Potato:** 2 nos
- **Garlic:** 1/4 tsp
- **Pepper:** 1/2 tsp
- **Milk (for medium consistency):** 1/2 to 1 cup
- **Butter:** 2 tsp
- **Green chilli:** 1/4 tbsp
- **Salt:** 1/2 tsp

METHOD

- Boil, peel and mash the potatoes. Add hot milk.
- Heat butter and saute garlic and green chilli.
- Add it to the potato mix. Add pepper, mix and serve.

Contributed by **Priya Joy Pullambra,** Gujarat

WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Chase Every Shot

Join a summer tennis camp aimed at enhancing fitness and tennis skills. The event features a variety of cardio-focused drills, agility training and enjoyable activities. Participants will focus on essential techniques, including strokes, footwork and match play, all designed to improve stamina, coordination and confidence while having fun on the court.

WHEN: April 1, 8.30am
WHERE: Tennis Temple, Rajajinagar
CALL: 74065 59000

Easter Treat

Relish gourmet offering in a 100-acre coffee estate, where the experience will unfold through thoughtfully curated Easter activities and treats. The event, designed to feel both festive and relaxed, offers an idyllic setting for a festive getaway with friends and family.

WHEN: April 5, 12.30pm
WHERE: Rosetta Sakleshpur, Dindighatta Village
CALL: rosettahospitality.com

Comic Chaos

Experience a one-of-a-kind stand-up comedy show where the lineup is always a surprise! Watch some of India's top comics perform live and if you are lucky enough, you might even catch your favourites. Expect laughter and unexpected acts and memories you can cherish beyond the show.

WHEN: April 1, 9.20pm
WHERE: The Coffee Theatre, Indiranagar
CALL: 93907 86436

Stomp & Sip

Immerse yourself in this vineyard and winery experience. Enjoy an all-access tour, curated wine tasting, winery and vineyard tour, grape stomping, buffet lunch and relaxation at the tasting room with scenic views. Join in with your family and enjoy the story of wines from grape to glass.

WHEN: April 1, 11am onwards
WHERE: Rico Park, Yelahanka
CALL: 96069 67208

Cheers & Chill

Who said mid-weeks are for staying in? Step into specially curated gin cocktails paired with tasty bites. Take your friends along and make your day special because great moments don't have to wait for the weekend.

WHEN: April 1, 11am onwards
WHERE: The Drawing Room by Smoke House Deli, Indiranagar
DETAILS: district.in

Spin the Night

Enjoy a night of generous drinks, lively beats and high energy as the hours fly by at this ladies' night out. Serving all-day draught beer, shooters, DJ vibes and a fun spin-the-wheel challenge, the event offers an evening to remember with music on full volume and energy sky-high. The event is priced at ₹200.

WHEN: April 1, 5.30pm
WHERE: Daise, RR Nagar
DETAILS: district.in

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GREEN RESURRECTION

Artist Gopi Samkramanam paints creepers that rise gently from the earth, hiding unseen histories

ONE DAY ON THE VB

HRIDAY RANJAN
Urban Bourbon
(Writer, comedian)

FOR decades, the Railways were the only long-distance option for middle-class Indians. And so, despite all the problems, there was a certain romanticisation of trains. Heroes sang in trains, heroines danced outside trains, and background dancers – on top of trains.

Despite all the romanticisation, devoting two days to travel didn't make any sense. Once Goddess Lakshmi began smiling at me, I switched to flights that claimed being on time was a great thing (in theory). Time might be money, but with trains, you paid money to lose time. I was a train(ed) skeptic.

But my recent trip on the Vande Bharat changed my opinion on Indian Railways entirely.

Food was provided every two hours, without hawkers who treated the MRP as a gentle suggestion. Samosas didn't look like they were fried last year in illegal oil from Venezuela. So impressed was I with the food that I raised my hand for two bars of Snickers – only to have to pay for them.

But what about cleanliness? Every time I stepped out of a train, I resembled a potato stored in the kitchen attic for a month, covered in soot, grime and dust. Train journeys made you thank the kind souls who invented soap. So imagine my surprise when I found that there was absolutely no dust on the train.

The staff swept and mopped the floors every two hours. Indians take the word 'groundnut' literally, dropping the shells on the ground. But even the elders politely offered their trash to the dust bin. But the true test of the Vande Bharat trains? Toilets – those metal blocks which belonged in the Cellular Jail that could give you lifelong trauma.

What I saw on the Vande Bharat was a miracle. A toilet that did not require you to be a practitioner of intense pranayama. Clean, efficient toilets, with the option to upgrade to hot showers. There were no mugs tied to metal chains. The window didn't open, giving you the strange feeling of looking at strangers while on the job. You weren't directly defecating through the length and breadth of the country.

Which brings me to my biggest anxiety with trains. Every time I travel in General or Sleeper class, a constant anxiety runs through my mind. When the train enters a popular station, my eyes shift towards the door. Swarms of people walk into the coach with the confidence of Afghan invaders. Their eyes scan the coach, and ask you to shift. You shift a little, and offer them space. Gradually, the Mughals are joined by the Turks, the Lodhis and the Ghoris. Luggage is dumped under your feet, someone parks their posterior on the seat opposite yours. Another climbs up to your upper berth and pitches their tent of victory.

'Vasudaiva Kutumbakam' – you tell yourself. 'All Indians are my brothers and sisters. The nation is one giant joint family'.

Vande Bharat solved the problem of illegal encroachment of berths – by removing berths altogether. Since there are only chairs, there is no Option to Shift. You Delete the thought and Return Home, else I call the Caps, Lock you up. The doors open for a couple of minutes, and the train has extremely few stops. So nobody gets on the train without a ticket. Things might get worse in the future. We might paint the trains red with paan stains. Visiting the toilet might require a tetanus shot in the future. But for now, I change my opinion on Indian Railways. When we want, we can have efficient modes of public transportation working with clockwork precision.

Indian Railways solved their biggest problem – Indians.

(The writer's views are personal)

A ninja at large becomes an opportunity for Vikram and Sabina to solve a mystery. Writer Mohan Menon takes the readers on a spin

THE MAKING OF A CRIME MASTER

ANUSHREE MADHAVAN

CREATIVE writing has been an intrinsic part of author Mohan Menon's life. Summer holidays during childhood meant writing stories, only for them to remain incomplete and consigned to the bottom drawer of a desk somewhere. After spending several rich years in advertising, Menon wielded the pen in 2019 and published his first book, *Nail in the Pillow*, which he calls a 'book of 'dark' stories'. Now comes his second book, *The Ninja Never Knocks* (₹399, Adisakrit), through which the writer enters the world of crime and detectives.

His protagonist Vikram 'Bando' Banerji is a charmer, an author and an amateur sleuth who has a strong nose for crime. A 'ninja' is out on the loose and along with Sabina, he tries to nab him.

Unraveling the ideas

The book that began to take shape during the pandemic found its way to the shelves just now. Reason: "My new book was written in fits and starts. I had my share of agony and frustration when I accidentally erased a few chapters," he shares.

While his first book was far from being a detective story, Menon, a fan of detective fiction who grew up on Sherlock Holmes and Agatha Christie, like many, dove headfirst into this genre when publishers suggested that he write a novel. "My leaning towards writing a mystery novel should be no mystery. I must confess that I enjoyed writing this book and creating this hydra-headed plot," he says.

The story, like many Indian detective novels and series, is set in Calcutta. But this was not a deterrent for Menon. Having grown up in Mumbai and now living in Chennai for several years, Menon decided not to set the story in either place. "I have often visited Calcutta and have warmed up to it. In my mind, it was perfect," he says.

Set in a non-linear format, the story also rewinds back to a British-ruled India, tying to the present where Bando's friend Victoria is in search of a treasure. Menon attributes this style of writing to his idiosyncrasy. "When I am following a train of thought, I am loath to strangle it at birth, however illogical it may appear. The way I saw it, detectives, like lawyers, can take on more than one client. In the story, Victoria, who needed the detective's help, had been put on the back burner. She was not seen as a top priority. Piqued at the situation, she decides to conduct her own investigation until Bando can devote time to her. While there is a historical backstory, the two tracks eventually converge," he shares.

The book also makes the readers detectives, as Menon reveals that he has peppered hints for us to find the killer. Besides, the year of the happenings is also not specified. Yet, there are clues that suggest the time period. "I deliberately kept the period fluid. I had seen it happen in the 90s. I found that mentioning exact dates and years to be constricting. Also, the plot was in no way limited by the calendar," he adds.

This is also reflective of the way Menon approaches the plot. He believes he belongs to the category of writers who build the story as they go along. When there is an epiphany, he writes. Or as he puts it, "When the planets are in the right confluence; When the grey cells sing in harmony? One has to shepherd ideas that can go the long mile. If I do find an idea that survives all the brickbats I throw at it, then I'll hop on board."

Now, the detective bug appears to have bitten him deep. Other genres seem tepid and tame in comparison, he says. So chances are bright that his next book will also be a whodunit.

But will it be a sequel? "I have two lead characters in the book, Bando and Sabina, who keep squabbling all the time. If I can get them to arrive at a temporary truce, readers could expect a sequel," he teases.

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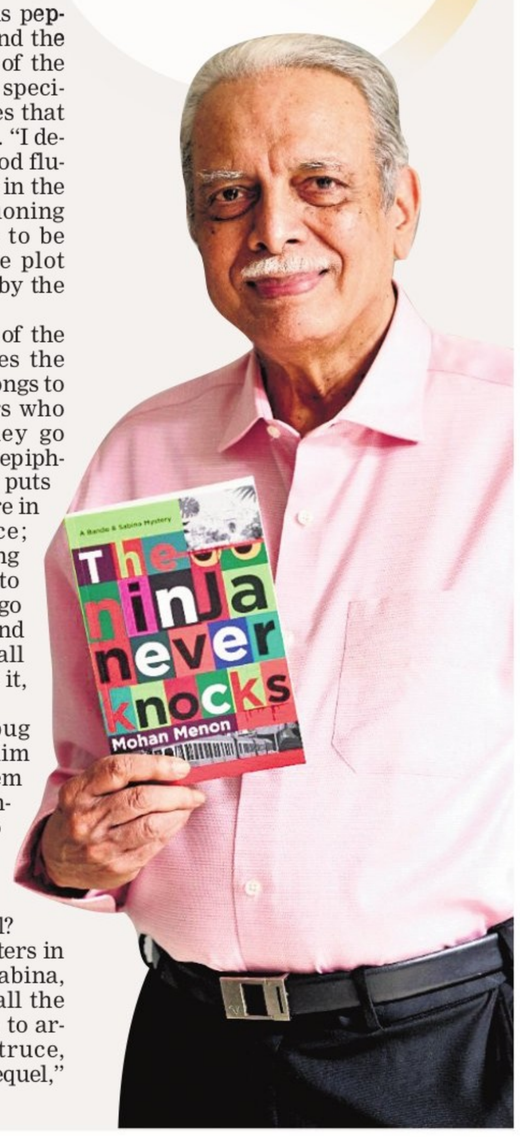
> Mohan Menon, author



NUGGETS

Picture book to bring childhood curiosity to life

Maiya Publishing, in collaboration with Atta Galatta, Indiranagar, is set to host a Meet the Author session with Samina Mahmood, a Bengaluru-based author, on April 25 from 1.30pm to 3.30pm, centred on her debut book– *The Adventures of Rifa*. The book follows curious Rifa on everyday adventures, delighting readers with stories and illustrations celebrating imagination while reflecting on Indian childhood experiences. The afternoon features live reading and an interactive Q&A. The event, moderated by Subodh Sankar, invites attendees' families to enjoy a relaxed, story-filled experience.

Spiritual mentor launches new book

Happiness Ambassador, Happpy AiR - Atman in Ravi, recently launched his book *Live Each Day as a New Life* at Kemp Fort Mall. The book encourages letting go of past regrets and future worries and living in 'day-tight compartments', enjoying one day at a time. With practical tips and insights, it shows how small shifts can bring pleasure, peace and purpose – the three keys to true happiness.

Book on holistic health to be released

Root Leaf Fire (Ebury Press, ₹499), co-authored by chef and food stylist Sheeba de Souza and integrated-lifestyle medicine expert Luke Coutinho is set to be released in April. The book asks the question, 'Why India's wellness industry is overcomplicating food?' and illuminates a practical approach to everyday eating, blending science-backed health principles with deeply personal, intuitive, flavour-driven everyday cooking. It tries to dismantle the myth that healthy eating must be restrictive or elite, reframing is as nourishment, energy, art and medicine. Built on three simple pillars – Root (foundation), Leaf (daily practice), Fire (the act of cooking) – the book offers a grounded approach to health which feels achievable.

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I, **ADIL UMMER MAVAD**, S/o Mr. Meeran Mohammed Musan, resident of No. 1112, 26th 'B' Main Road, Jayanagar 9th Block, PO: Jayanagar East, Bangalore South, Bengaluru-560069, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ADIL UMMER MAVADA** to **ADIL UMMER MAVAD** henceforth I shall be known and called as **ADIL UMMER MAVAD** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 31/03/2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MOHAMMED HUSSAIN .K** at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, the undersigned **RANJITA GUPTA** Resident A041, SRI BALAJI WHITEWOODS, KODIGEHALLI, NEAR AYYAPPANAGAR, KADUGODI PLANTATION, BENGALURU- 560067. KARNATAKA, INDIA do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **RANJEETA KUMARI** to **RANJITA GUPTA** henceforth I shall be known and called as **RANJITA GUPTA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 31-03-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **G. RAJENDRA** at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **AVALAMURTHY KV** residing at No. 10, 7th Cross, Muneshwar Nagar, Hosapalya, Bangalore-560068 hereby state that in my son **MITHUN K A's** school record Father name is recorded as **AVALAMURTHY** instead of **AVALAMURTHY K V** and mother's name to be mentioned as **LEELAVATHI R**. Name has been rectified as above vide affidavit dated 30-03-26 before Notary B.M. Chandrashekar, Bangalore

AFFIDAVIT
I, **ARAVIND KUMAR VISWANATHAN**, aged about 39 years, residing at 101, C-Wing, Block 2 Sraddha White Cliff, Sy. No. 82 and 83, Seegehalli Main Road, Near Axis Bank, Seegehalli, Kannamangala, Bangalore Karnataka-560067, do hereby declare that **AADHVIK ARAVIND KUMAR** and **AADHVIK** the above mentioned names are one and the same person and my son's name only, and that my son correct name is **AADHVIK ARAVIND KUMAR**, vide affidavit dated 30.03.2026, sworn to before Rajanna .S.M, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **HEMALATHA NITIN KUMAR**, D/o. Saravana, residing at #SF-06, 2nd Floor, Madku D Comforts, Mahaveer Road, Near Hirnanadani Apartments, Akshaynagar, Begur, Hulimavu, Yelenahalli, Bengaluru 560068, have changed my name to **HEMALATHA SARAVANA** vide Affidavit Dated: 28/03/2026, sworn before Notary **MEER HASSAN**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MANISH KUMAR**, aged about 50 years, S/o. Late R.S. Sinha, residing at No. C-501, Orchid Enclave, Hosakote Road, Near Seegehalli Bus Stop, Seegehalli, Kannamangala Post, Bangalore-560067, do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from **ADITI** to **ADITI SINGH**, vid affidavit dated 31.03.2026, sworn to before Yankoba, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, NANDINI, Aged about 37 years, D/o. Keshava Murthy D.V, Resident at 334, 4th C Cross, 3rd Phase, 5th Block, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560085, have changed my name from NANDINI to NANDINI K vide affidavit dated 31-03-2026 sworn before notary H G Padmanabha Rao, Reg. No.12464, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) HABIBULLA KHAN BABAJAN** S/o, Mr. Babajan Khan, age about Major, Residing at No.Unit No 302, 3rd Floor, No 236, 7th Cross 9th Main Road, 3rd Stage Pillanna Garden, Bangalore-560045. have changed my Name from **(OLD NAME) HABIBULLA KHAN BABAJAN to (NEW NAME) "HABIBULLA KHAN "** Vide affidavit dated 29.03.2026 sworn before Notary "C SHARADA, B.Sc., LLB., ", Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **CEECHARAL PEDDAMUNIAPPA SHETTY RAJANNA SHETTY,** S/o. Venkatachalamsetty, residing at #1628, 4th Cross, Prichard Road, Oorgaum Post, Robertsonpet, KGF, Kolar District 563122, Karnataka State, today camping at Bengaluru, have changed my name to **CETHARALLA PEDDAMUNIYAPPA RAJANNASETTY** vide Affidavit Dated: 25/03/2026, sworn before Notary **GANGARAJU.B.N**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SREETEJA PEELA**, W/o Kurma Rao Mittireddi, age 38 years, R/at C-20, 1st Cross, 8th Main Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560 051 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SREETEJA PEELA** to **SREETEJA MITTIREDDI,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SREETEJA MITTIREDDI** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 27/03/2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **P.K. NALINAKSHI** at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, the undersigned **UMAHARISH .V,** W/o. Harish B, Residing at No.67, 20th Main, 4th Cross, Girinagar T Block, Banashankari III Stage, Bangalore-560085, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **UMA HARISH** to **UMAHARISH .V** henceforth I shall be known and called as **UMAHARISH .V** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 31-03-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **S.N. MADHU** at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ARUN KUMAR,** Aged about 41 years, S/o. Anjanappa M, residing at No.102, 2nd Cross, Makuntamma Layout, Near Nandini Deluxe, Banaswadi, Kalyananagar, Bangalore -560043, have changed my name to **ARUN KUMAR A** for all purposes affidavit dated 30/03/2026 sworn before advocate and notary R T Krishna Murthy, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, MOHSINA BANU K M, Aged about 37 years W/o Sikandar Khan Residing at: No 1970/B, Chamundeshwari Ext, Tiptur Rural, Tumkuru-572201 Karnataka, have changed my name to **MOHASEENA BANU K M** for all purposes affidavit dated 27/03/2026 sworn before advocate and notary B.M. Chandarashekar Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, FAHIMA PAHIMA, D.O.B: 15.08.1981, D/o. Gulam Ali, Residing at No. 14, 2nd Floor, 5th Main, 1st Cross, M R Garden, Geddalahalli, Sanjaynagar, Bengaluru - 560094, Karnataka, have changed my name to **PAHIMABI G,** vide affidavit dated: 31.03.2026 before notary Smt. A. MANJULA, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Chandru S S/o Late Srinivas C, R/a No.42, 4th Cross, Flower Garden, Mysore Road, Bengaluru-18. dohere by solemnly affirm and state of oath as I changed my name from Xavier to **Chandru S (New Name)** in all my future records, deeds, writings, proceedings, transactions private as well as upon all occations, I had earlier executed an Affidavit sworn before Notary S. SUBASHINI, Bengaluru. Reg.No. 20051, dated 29.10.2021, and the same was published in VIJAYAVANI KANNADA Daily Newspaper on 27.11.2021. This Current Affidavit sworn before Notary K.VENKATESHAN on 27.03.2026.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Sanjay S S/o Late Srinivas C, R/a No.42, 4th Cross, Flower Garden, Mysore Road, Bengaluru-18. dohere by solemnly affirm and state of oath as I changed my name from Micheal Raj to **Sanjay S. (New Name)** in all my future records, deeds, writings, proceedings, transactions private as well as upon all occations, I had earlier executed an Affidavit sworn before Notary S. SUBASHINI, Bengaluru. Reg. No. 20051, dated 29.10.2021, and the same was published in VIJAYAVANI KANNADA Daily Newspaper on 27.11.2021. This Current Affidavit sworn before Notary K.VENKATESHAN on 27.03.2026.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, S Sumitha D/o Late Srinivas C, R/a No.42, 4th Cross, Flower Garden, Mysore Road, Bengaluru-18. dohere by solemnly affirm and state of oath as I changed my name from Karlina Mary to **S Sumitha (New Name)** in all my future records, deeds, writings, proceedings, transactions private as well as upon all occations, I had earlier executed an Affidavit sworn before Notary S. SUBASHINI, Bengaluru. Reg. No. 20051, dated 29.10.2021, and the same was published in VIJAYAVANI KANNADA Daily Newspaper on 27.11.2021. This Current Affidavit sworn before Notary K.VENKATESHAN on 27.03.2026.

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Prem, Raanna Rakshitha and Manjunath B S

The actor-producer is set to team up with Prem to unveil a new banner Phoenix Prems Studios, and will launch debut director Manjunath BS

RAKSHITHA PREM'S FILM WITH RAANNA TITLED IDIOT

A SHARADHAA

ACTOR-producer Rakshitha Prem celebrated her birthday by announcing a new production house, Phoenix Prems Studios, with her husband Prem. The banner will focus on both film production and studio work, marking a new chapter in their journey.

The makers also revealed their first project, *Idiot*, starring her brother Raanna in the lead. The film will be directed by debutant Manjunath BS, who previously worked with Prem as a co-director, writer, and lyricist on films like Ek Love Ya and the upcoming KD.

Talking about his first film as a director, Manjunath said, "The story is about love, and how sometimes love can make a person an '*idiot*'. This idea is at the heart of the film. Starting my journey as a director with this project feels like a big step and a new responsibility."

The film is set to go on floors in May. It will have cinematography by William David, and music by Romeo, who marks his debut with the film. Abhijit Mahesh, who has worked on films such as Kirik Party and 777 Charlie, will pen the dialogues for *Idiot*.

For Raanna, this is his third film as a lead actor after Ek Love Ya and Elumale, and his first under his sister's banner. "It feels like home," he said. "I've worked with Prem Sir before, and I've known Manjunath for a long time. He has chosen a very interesting love story. Love has been a theme in my earlier films too, but this story explores it in a new way in terms of screenplay for Kannada cinema."

The title, *Idiot*, is also special to Rakshita Prem, as it was the title of her debut Telugu film with Ravi Teja.

Speaking about the vision behind Phoenix Prems Studios, Rakshitha said, "We want to create a platform for new talent. Our aim is to support fresh ideas and give newcomers meaningful opportunities in the industry."

With work already underway, *Idiot*, which begins shooting in May, is expected to release in 2026.

I never really left cinema: Sumanth Shailendra

CE FEATURES

AFTER a gap of six years, actor Sumanth Shailendra is all set to return to the big screen, marking the beginning of his second innings in the film industry. The comeback, he says, will be wrapped in suspense.

The actor, who has starred in films like *Aata*, *Dilwala*, and *Govinda Govinda*, had stepped away from cinema for a while. Now, with renewed energy and fresh ambitions, the son of noted producer Shailendra Babu is stepping back in front of the camera, aiming to redefine his screen presence.

Having made his debut with *Aata*, Sumanth had carved a niche for himself before taking a break. "I am coming back with a suspense thriller. It's an action-packed, out-and-out commercial film," he reveals. Hithan Hassan, who previously composed music for *Govinda Govinda*, will make his directorial debut with this project, while Suhas will handle cinematography.

The film, backed by Sri Shailendra Productions, will also star Gowrav Shetty, Prakash Thuminad, Gopal Krishna Deshpande, and Sai Kumar in pivotal roles. The film will go on floors in May.

"For me, I have never really left cinema. Our production house has been actively financing films, mostly in Telugu, nearly 25 projects so far. At one point, we considered making this yet-to-be-titled film, originally intended for a superstar, but we had to wait 2 to 3 years for their availability. This script stood out, and my father decided we should go ahead with it," he shares, adding, "We're exploring a new genre that blends thriller elements with comedy, mounted on a large scale."

The actor gears up for a grand comeback with a suspense thriller, which marks the directorial debut of Hithan Hassan

Sumanth Shailendra

A still from the film

Puneeth Nivasa to hit theatres on Dr Rajkumar's birth anniversary

CE FEATURES

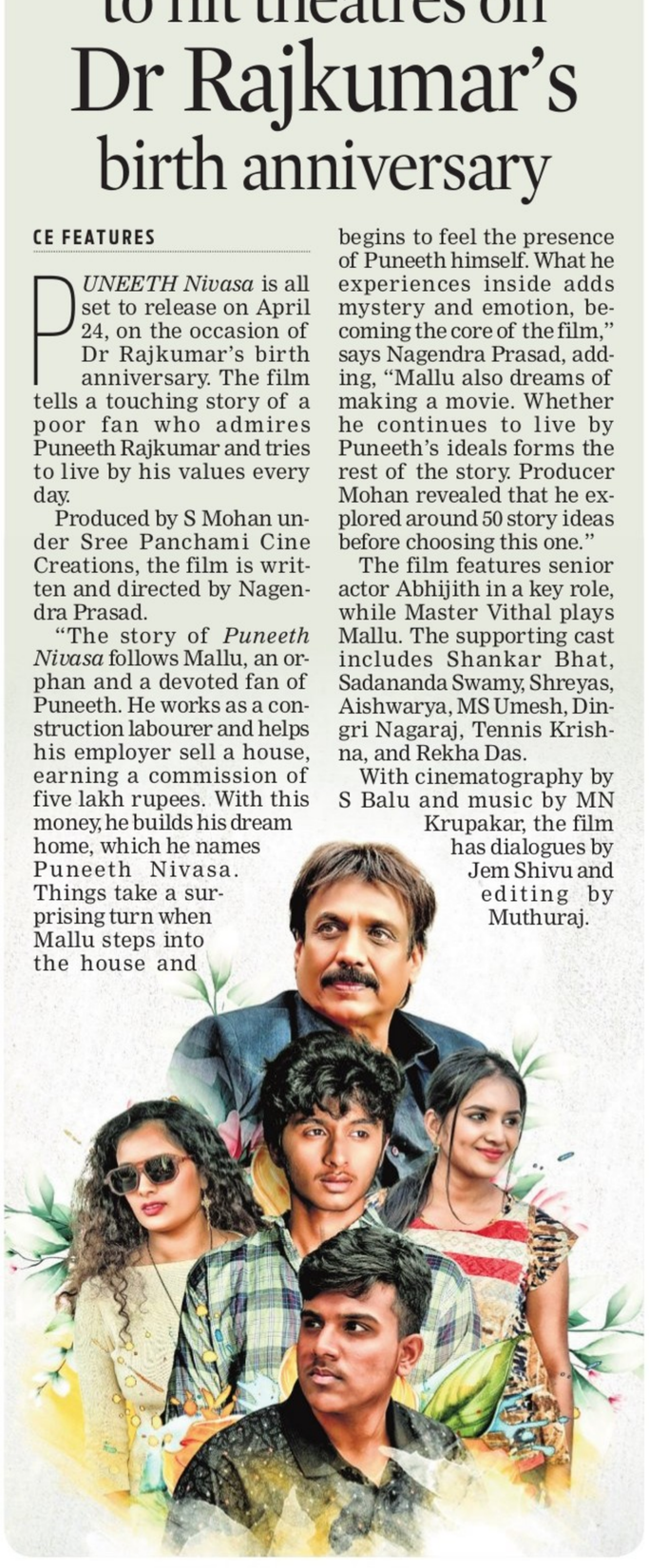
PUNEETH Nivasa is all set to release on April 24, on the occasion of Dr Rajkumar's birth anniversary. The film tells a touching story of a poor fan who admires Puneeth Rajkumar and tries to live by his values every day.

Produced by S Mohan under Sree Panchami Cine Creations, the film is written and directed by Nagendra Prasad.

"The story of *Puneeth Nivasa* follows Mallu, an orphan and a devoted fan of Puneeth. He works as a construction labourer and helps his employer sell a house, earning a commission of five lakh rupees. With this money, he builds his dream home, which he names Puneeth Nivasa. Things take a surprising turn when Mallu steps into the house and begins to feel the presence of Puneeth himself. What he experiences inside adds mystery and emotion, becoming the core of the film," says Nagendra Prasad, adding, "Mallu also dreams of making a movie. Whether he continues to live by Puneeth's ideals forms the rest of the story. Producer Mohan revealed that he explored around 50 story ideas before choosing this one."

The film features senior actor Abhijith in a key role, while Master Vithal plays Mallu. The supporting cast includes Shankar Bhat, Sadananda Swamy, Shreyas, Aishwarya, MS Umesh, Dingri Nagaraj, Tennis Krishna, and Rekha Das.

With cinematography by S Balu and music by MN Krupakar, the film has dialogues by Jem Shivu and editing by Muthuraj.



Laura Dern to headline Sony series based on Jeffrey Epstein investigation

CE FEATURES

LAURA Dern is all set to join hands with Adam McKay and Sony Pictures TV for a limited series based on the investigation that brought the Jeffrey Epstein case to light. The series, a drama, is based on Perversion of Justice: The Jeffrey Epstein Story, written by Miami Herald investigative journalist Julie K Brown. Laura is set to play Brown in the series which will be written by Sharon Hoffman (Pieces of Her). Hoffman will also serve as a co-showrunner along with Eileen Myers (The Night Agent).

Executive producers include Hoffman and Myers; Dern, McKay, and Kevin Messick for Hyperobject Industries; and Brown. Before Brown's 2018 report, Epstein was already found guilty of obtaining a minor for prostitution and soliciting a prostitute.

Nayanthara comes onboard for Salman Khan-Dil Raju project

CE FEATURES

YESTERDAY, Sri Venkateswara Creations had officially announced their next project starring Salman Khan. Now Nayanthara has officially come on board as the female lead for the film. Titled SVC63, the film will be directed by Vamshi Paidipally. This is the first time Nayanthara and Salman will be seen sharing screen. Notably in 2023, Nayanthara made her Hindi film debut with the Shah Rukh Khan-starrer *Jawan*.

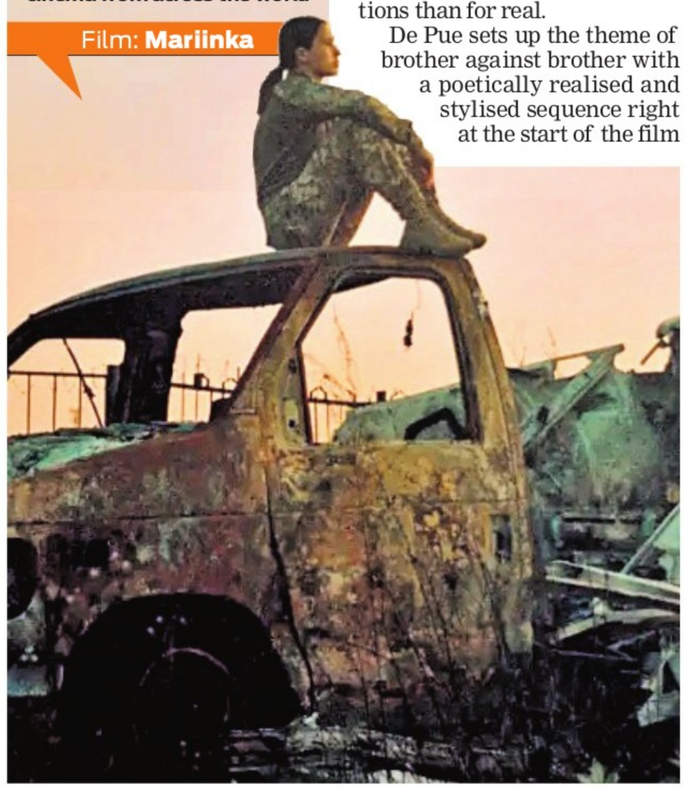
Meanwhile on Monday, the SVC63 team also confirmed that the shoot for the untitled project will commence in April. Salman too posted about the project on his X page, sharing his picture with Vamsi and captioning the post, "*Dil*, *Dimag*, *Jigar* se from this April." Besides his project with Salman, Dil Raju is also producing the Hindi remake of *Sankranthiki Vasthunam*, with Akshay Kumar in the lead role. Anees Bazmee, known for comedies like *Welcome* and *No Entry*, helms direction for the remake.

Dwellers of a dead town

CINEMA WITHOUT BORDERS

In this weekly column, the writer introduces you to powerful cinema from across the world

Film: **Mariinka**



NAMRATA JOSHI

MARIINKA is a ghost town in the Donetsk region of East Ukraine. It was brought to the ground in the 2022 Russian invasion. In ruins and uninhabited, its infrastructural, civilizational, and cultural collapse is brought to focus in Belgian filmmaker Pieter-Jan De Pue's documentary *Mariinka*, which opened the CPH:DOX on March 10 and went on to bag the film festival's audience award.

The popular win is easy to fathom. It's because De Pue humanises an apocalyptic reality. He grounds the hellscape of war in the personal nightmares of six of *Mariinka*'s denizens, forced to abandon their homes but living in the perpetual hope of a return. Truth can indeed be stranger than fiction and way more dramatic than a film script, as we see lives of childhood friends and neighbours getting upended in inconceivable ways by the conflict. Natasha, an emerging professional boxer, becomes a frontline paramedic. Angela, who lost her parents when young, and then the sister to the war, learns to survive in the ongoing battle and creates a new job for herself amidst violence, that of transporting essential goods (and, at times, unexpectedly, even babies and fishes) on a bicycle across the two sides of the political divide.

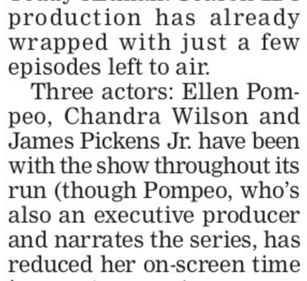
Most heartbreaking is the way the family of four brothers in an orphanage gets fractured. Mark joins the Ukrainian army and Ruslan aligns with the pro-Russian separatists, ending up fighting on opposite sides. While Maksim has been recovering from paralysing injury in an accident, the youngest brother Daniiel (now Samuel), adopted by an American couple at the age of four, follows the war in his home country on digital screens, from a distance of thousands of miles in the new refuge, Mississippi. Ruslan, recruited in the Russian army in the offensives against Mariupol, Severodonetsk, Bakhmut, Avdiivka, Kursk, eventually went missing in Pokrovsk, supposedly dead, while Daniiel continues to wonder when he'd be able to meet his family in person. They have seen him grow into a teenaged American, well-adjusted and fluent in English, through the video calls and virtual conversations than for real.

De Pue sets up the theme of brother against brother with a poetically realised and stylised sequence right at the start of the film which underscores that in such divisive conflicts it's the mother, in other words Ukraine, who suffers the most. He then moves on to build his narrative on the footage he shot over ten years, during which we see his protagonists transform and mature, initially oblivious to the enormity of war but resigned as well as resentful later to the wasteland it would turn *Mariinka*, and their own youth into. The director also mixes it up with some of the archival family footage of a toddler Daniiel to establish the long span of time and continuity of conflict that the film encompasses.

Natasha's visit to the ruins of her home, mother's grave, the boxing ring where she practised and the auditorium where she graduated is particularly poignant, with De Pue setting these visuals side by side with the footage of the happy and hopeful moments from the past. Yesterday's wonderful memories as opposed to the havoc of the here and the now.

His camera remains a silent ally. It takes the viewers to the frontline and trenches, and close to the six resilient faces and the depth of their emotions. The intimate and immersive approach turns us into active participants in their lives rather than remaining mere passive observers.

De Pue also juxtaposes the horrors of violence at the frontline in Ukraine against the casualness of gun culture and recreational game hunting in America. A telling comment on the civilisational disparity and human irony on which pivots an estranged family and the privilege that sets the fates of brothers apart.



GREY'S ANATOMY renewed for S23

CE FEATURES

GREY'S Anatomy will be swinging ahead of the 475-episode mark as the popular medical drama has been renewed for a 23rd season. Created by Shonda Rhimes, the upcoming season will not have two key cast members: Kim Raver and Kevin McKidd, who played Owen Hunt and Teddy Altman. Season 22's production has already wrapped with just a few episodes left to air.

Three actors: Ellen Pompeo, Chandra Wilson and James Pickens Jr. have been with the show throughout its run (though Pompeo, who's also an executive producer and narrates the series, has reduced her on-screen time in recent seasons).

The show is named after Henry *Grey's anatomy* book, stars Pompeo as Dr Meredith Grey of the Grey Sloan Memorial Hospital, and follows the lives of the doctors in that hospital.